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JAPAN ASKS FOR FINAL REPLY

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is reported to have asked Vichy to give a final reply to the Japanese mediation proposals by noon to-day.

The truce in the frontier war between Thai and Indo-China ends on Friday.

MR. MATSUOKA'S REQUEST, IT IS STATED, WAS MADE WHEN HE SAW LAST NIGHT M. ARSENE HENRI, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

M. Henri is stated to have been non-committal in attitude towards the plan which previously was reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.—Reuter.

SIGN OF AXIS ANXIETY

"The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events," the Ankara radio stated last night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans has conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly.

"It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded, even in Axis circles, as extremely dubious.

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."—Reuter.

BIG INCREASE IN U.S. NAVY

Legislation that would increase the U.S. Navy's enlisted personnel immediately to 232,000 and authorise the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence, was introduced by Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee, yesterday.

The Bill would also authorise the President to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.—Reuter.

NAZIS REPORT BRITISH BREAK WITH BULGARIA

The German radio announced last night that diplomatic relations between Britain and Bulgaria have been severed.

The British Minister, Mr. George Rendel, was reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements for his departure are made.—Reuter.

Japan's Oceania Claims

The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, last week, in which he was reported as stating that "the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics," has provoked a long statement from the Domei news agency.

The agency says the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr. Matsuoka's speech.

It also says that Mr. Matsuoka's actual words were: "It is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races a chance to emigrate to and develop Oceania at least."—Reuter.

Raid On Calais

A small force of British Coastal Command aircraft successfully attacked docks and railway sidings at Calais on Monday night, says the Air Ministry.

Yesterday, one aircraft of the Coastal Command while on patrol attacked an aerodrome near Brest and shot down an enemy fighter.

Confirmation was also received yesterday of the destruction of four enemy aircraft in recent operations.

A bomber crashed off the

Speculation In London

THE IMPORTANT STATEMENT BROADCAST FROM MOSCOW IN REGARD TO THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA HAS GIVEN RISE TO MUCH COMMENT IN DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN LONDON, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

There is nothing, however, to suggest it means more than it says, namely, that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to the preservation of peace.

Consequently the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in the prosecution of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives a contradiction to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech at Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, reaffirmed his resolve to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

Not Mollified

This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Ribbentrop in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

Significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned.

Nazis Blamed

It is clear that an opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

BY IMPLICATION, BLAME FOR THE SPREAD OF THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN PUT ON THE GERMANS' SHOULDERS, AS THE STATEMENT CLEARLY IMPLIES THAT THE OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA IS AN EXTENSION OF OPERATIONS.—REUTER.

ARTILLERY BATTLE IN ALBANIA

Intense artillery action on the Albanian front was reported by Athens radio yesterday.

An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.—Reuter.

Devon coast on Monday and two were shot down during the night, one by anti-aircraft fire at Cardiff and the other by British fighters over an aerodrome in northern France.

A fourth (a fighter) was shot down by a bomber over Germany.—Reuter.

EFFORT TO CLEAR FAR EAST AIR

For the second time in a fortnight Mr. Winston Churchill last night received Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador.

FOLLOWING THEIR 30-MINUTES' CONVERSATION IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS THAT THE TALK GREATLY CLARIFIED THE AIR AND HAS REVEALED THAT GENERAL PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST ARE RESPONSIVE TO UNDERSTANDING TREATMENT. LEARNS REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

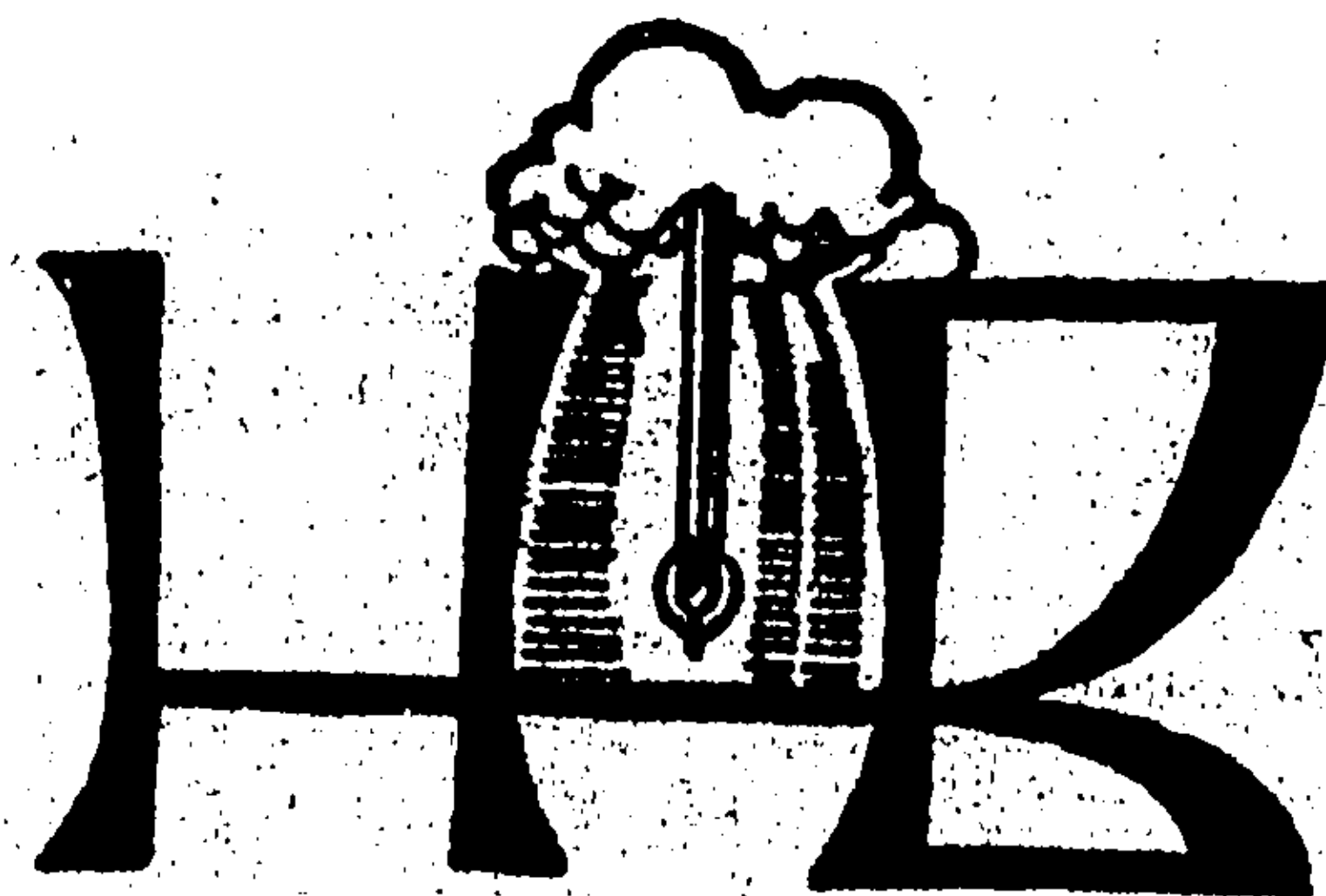
Mr. Shigemitsu handed Mr. Churchill a communication from Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr. Churchill to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr. Matsuoka has now sent a response to Mr. Churchill's observations.

The conversations yesterday were therefore a continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Jews In Holland May Be Herded Off To Poland

MARCOVITCH JOURNEY DENIED

A report circulated abroad, to the effect that the Yugoslav Foreign Minister has gone to Germany, was denied in the Wilhelmstrasse, according to a statement issued by the German official news agency yesterday, says Reuter.

"GHOST" IN BEDROOM

"I begged him to have pity. I said we were only two girls, and asked him what he wanted."

Mrs. Beatrice Lay Southcliffe who holds the licence of the Crown Hotel, Bath, while her husband is serving in the Forces abroad told the Bath magistrates that she said this to a man who, shrouded in a white sheet, was alleged to have entered at 2.20 a.m. a bedroom in which she was sleeping with her sister, Miss Elsie E. Double, a solicitor's clerk.

"When I opened the bedroom door I saw a white figure and I thought it was a ghost," she added. "He jumped at me and I fell backwards."

Accused was Leonard Henry Weatherhead, twenty-four, of Redruth, Cornwall, and he was charged with intending to commit an offence against Mrs. Southcliffe, with assaulting her and with stealing a cigarette case.

Used Old Sword

Evidence was that in the struggle in the bedroom the women used a kettle, a toasting fork and an old sword to defend themselves.

Weatherhead, in evidence, said Mrs. Southcliffe's sister asked him where he was going to sleep that night while he was in the bar, and said something about having a spare bedroom.

His only excuse was drink. The first charge was dismissed for lack of evidence, and on the remaining three charges Weatherhead was found guilty and remanded for twenty-one days for medical supervision.

A.R.P. CONTRACTS NOT GUILTY

Robert Taylor, a City magistrate, of Dudley Road, Whalley Range, Manchester, governing director of Taylor and Portman, Ltd., a Manchester firm of building contractors; Ernest Henry Portman, director of the firm, of Copley Road, Chorlton, Manchester, and James Muddiman, of Cote Green Road, Marple, secretary of the company, were at Manchester Assizes found not guilty of charges of conspiracy to defraud Manchester Corporation and other charges relating to forgery in connection with the firm's A.R.P. contracts with Manchester Corporation.

They were discharged. The jury, in a rider, expressed concern at the deplorable laxity shown by the firm in presenting irregular accounts to the corporation.

LARGE NUMBERS of Dutch Jews are to be deported to Poland, according to a Stockholm correspondent yesterday. They will be confined in Jewish reservations established by the German authorities around Lublin, central Poland.

No confirmation of this drastic step has yet been obtained but a Netherlands Government official in London told Reuter yesterday that such a move would arouse no surprise in Dutch circles.

Dutch Jews, he said, had already been deprived by the Nazis of their Dutch passports and labelled simply as Jews.

The Nazis were also reported to be establishing a kind of ghetto in the Jewish quarter in Amsterdam, where Jews will be compelled to live.

Similar repressive measures against Jews have been reported in various parts of Holland.

Jews in Amsterdam are largely of Polish origin and being strictly orthodox, still wore long beards and black robes, which are only seen generally among Jews in Eastern Europe.

Another large section of Dutch Jews are of Portuguese origin, and altogether there are about 200,000 Jews in the Netherlands. — Reuter.

CREATING AN INDIAN AIR FORCE

"How young Indians from civil life are being trained as ground personnel for the Indian Air Force, was shown me when I visited the school of air force technical training at Amballa," writes Reuter's special correspondent.

There are several hundred air-men under training, recruited from all over India, including all castes and creeds.

The school covers an extraordinary variety of training and only men with extremely good educational qualifications are accepted.

The basic training course, including instruction in the duties of flight mechanic, flight fitter, carpenter, electrician, wireless operator, photographer and many others, lasts for six months, after which the air-man qualifies and goes to a unit.

Keen Competition

Owing to the rapidity of the expansion of the Indian Air Force, prospects are very good and there is keen competition for enlistment, it being realised that the expert training given will subsequently be invaluable in peacetime.

I visited various workshops where tuition was proceeding, and after seeing for myself how intensely absorbed the recruits were in the work, I felt my guide spoke truly when he paid the spontaneous tribute "All those lads are keen as mustard." — Reuter.

RAIDS BY SOUTH AFRICANS

Raids by the South African Air Force were recorded in a communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The communique says that on Saturday and Sunday South African planes carried out raids in southern Abyssinia.

First a fortified position north of Havello was bombed and the following day a bombing raid was made on positions near Cabatam several direct hits being scored and hostile rifle fire silenced.

Pilots on reconnaissance flights over Italian Somaliland report that natives in the Lugh Ferrandi area were carrying white flags. — Reuter.

mother and child for a fortnight, then hand over to the health visitors.

"We hope our example will be a model for the country. In previous years we have had very few cases of maternal death."

SQUARE DEAL FOR YOUTH

Two thousand apprentices, with a man aged twenty as chairman, have formed an apprentices' guild to safeguard their wartime careers at Vickers Armstrong, Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness, and secured the right to hold fortnightly conferences with the management.

The idea is likely to spread to other industries where apprentices, knowing what happened after the last war, are afraid industry may not give them a square deal.

"There is nothing political about the guild," an apprentice told a reporter. "We are anxious to become skilled craftsmen, completely taught after the war."

"There is a temptation to take better money for some classes of job which apprentices find hard to resist."

Once A Fortnight

Sir Charles Craven, head of the Vickers combine, said: "The boys asked if we would see their representatives once a month. We replied: 'Why not make it once a fortnight?'"

"We are one of the few concerns which still bind apprentices by indenture. Their welfare is as much our concern as theirs."

"These apprentices are anxious that in spite of the war and the 'Go To It' campaign they shall learn their craft as completely as in peace."

1,024 BABIES — MOTHERS ARE ALL DOING WELL

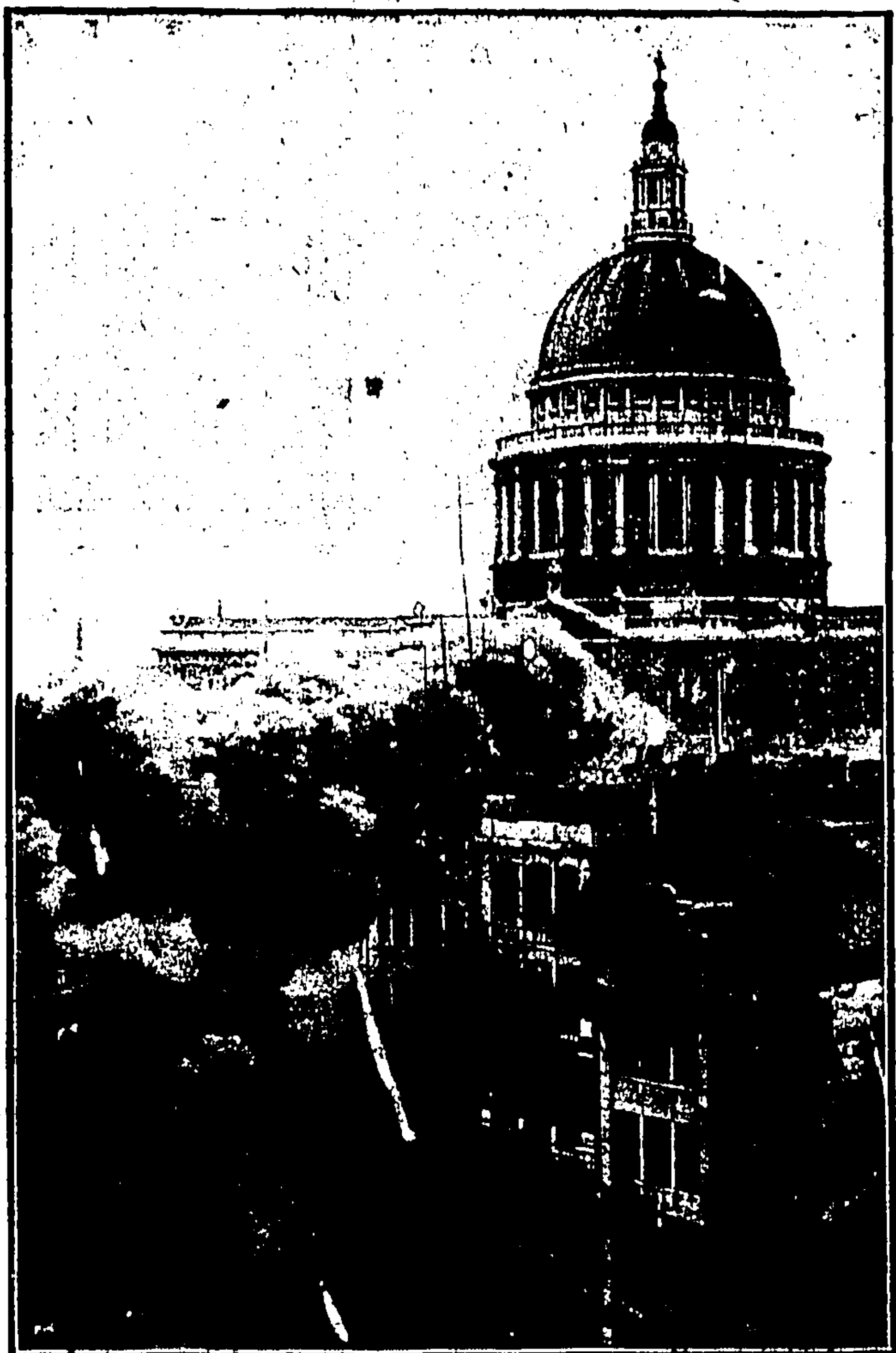
Although 1,024 babies were born last year in Watford, Herts, not one of the mothers lost her life.

Watford, proud of this, attributes it to the care given mothers and babies before and after birth.

Four ante-natal clinics give advice to expectant mothers, and after the child is born health visitors are of constant help.

"We are proud of our midwives," Dr. W. J. Cox, Watford's medical officer, said. "Most of them are trained in our special training home."

"We encourage all mothers to visit the ante-natal clinics regularly. The midwives attend



Newgate Street was selected for the first dynamiting operations by Royal Engineers in the City. Dangerous walls are being demolished in this way following the "fire blitz." Here is a remarkable picture of the explosion during the dynamiting in Newgate Street, showing St. Paul's Cathedral in background. (Copyright, Fox).

SHARP AIR CLASHES IN THE CORFU AREA

FIVE ENEMY AIRCRAFT were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in the Corfu area on Monday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which states:

"Greece and Albania — a small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu on Monday intercepted Italian Caproni 007's (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot two of them down into the sea."

UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S MOTHER

In her airman son's last letter to his before he died a British mother read:

"One thing can never be altered: I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot, nor can anything ever change it."

When the son was killed, the portrait painter, Mr. Frank Salisbury, R.O.I. painted, his portrait from a snapshot as his gift to the mother.

That portrait was unveiled recently by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, at a London luncheon of the National Defence Public Interest Committee, in the presence of Air Force chiefs and men of the Bomber, Fighter, and Coastal Commands.

Unknown Warrior

The dead airman's mother sat among the other guests at the luncheon, but both she and her son remain unknown. Lord Nathan, who presided, said she wished to be known only as "the mother of the young unknown warrior."

Sir Archibald, unveiling the portrait, said: "This young man who has given his life for his country will live for ever in the vibrant prose in which he expresses the spirit of the Service to which he belonged."

"Our hearts go out to his family."

"A few minutes later the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type which were returning from a raid on Larissa. Three of these aircraft were also shot down."

"Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. also attacked motor transport concentrations in the Tepelini area."

"Italian East Africa — continued support has been given our advancing troops. The fort at Burge has been heavily bombed and enemy positions machine-gunned."

Asmara Raid

"The landing ground at Asmara was machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of a South African squadron and several enemy aircraft damaged."

"On the return journey enemy motor transport near Habi Mantel was attacked and several vehicles set on fire."

"From all these operations our aircraft returned safely." — Reuter.

EIRE SEEKING ARMS IN AMERICA

Mr. Frank Aiken, Eire Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States to-day by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources in Dublin quoted by Reuter.

But that young airman in his letter lit a torch which his comrades will keep burning and will hand on, and which will light our path through grim ordeals to victory and peace."

MOPPING UP IN SOMALILAND

Forces Advance 170 Miles Beyond Capital

Moving Towards Abyssinian Border

THE BRITISH MAIN ADVANCE IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND, STATED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique continues by saying that subsidiary operations are continuing towards the south-east frontier of Abyssinia where, on March 1, a further 1,000 prisoners were taken.

Iscia Baidoa and Bulmo Buti, the capture of which was officially announced in Nairobi earlier, are both about 170 miles north-west and due north, respectively, of Mogadiscio.

Large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all kinds continue to be discovered and it will take considerable time to assess the amount of captured material.

Total number of prisoners captured is now approaching 10,000, declares a Nairobi communique.

These captures, the communique says, and the destruction of enemy formations on the River Juba, give the lie to the statement by the Italians that Italian Somaliland has been voluntarily evacuated.

Our Casualties

Our casualties since the beginning of this offensive in the whole of East Africa, from Feb. 12 to Feb. 27, are 50 killed, 146 wounded and two missing.

Meanwhile, with the surrender of Kufra Oasis, in southern Libya, yet another holy place has been freed from the Italian invader.

To complete the operations resulting in capture of the oasis, a party of Free French forces marched 500 miles from their desert base.

How To Dispose ?

Contact was originally made with the Italian garrison early in February, and on one occasion an enemy attack was heavily repulsed.

The military spokesman in Cairo told Reuter yesterday: "The only two oases, Kufra and Gerabue, which might conceivably threaten the Allies, have been put out of action."

"Immediate problem is how to dispose of the thousand prisoners captured and they will possibly be disarmed and left at Kufra."

The Free French authorities have no information about the final assault on Kufra but admit it was taken against vastly superior numbers.—Reuter.

HITLER'S LAST BID IN TURKEY

Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was yesterday received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, states Ankara radio.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for this act of courtesy."

"Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview, which took place at the President's castle at Chamkaya, near Ankara."—Reuter.

France's Growing Morale

The New York newspapers yesterday published eye-witness accounts by Americans returning from Europe of the growing resistance to the Nazis in France.

William Mock, a student, declared: "Agitation against the Germans and against Frenchmen cooperating with them, is growing. 'The French put up signs for de Gaulle, Petain and Roosevelt, and the Nazis tear them down.'"

"Laval is well guarded at all times as he fears assassination."

"On December 5 there was a rumour that he had been killed, and the Nazis rounded up all Englishwomen in Paris and put them in concentration camps. 'Ninety per cent of French people believe England will win.'—Reuter.

PLACED UNDER BRITISH MILITARY JURISDICTION

LT.-GEN. CUNNINGHAM, G.O.C., British forces in East Africa, yesterday issued a formal proclamation covering the government of the occupied territories.

These territories include all those "formerly ruled, claimed or occupied by the Italian Government in Ethiopia and Somaliland." These have been placed under military jurisdiction.

In the course of the proclamation, Lt.-Gen. Cunningham warns that actions against the public peace or the British forces will be punishable by death or by lesser penalties.

It concludes: "All existing laws, customs, rights and properties in the said territory will be fully respected insofar as they are consistent with the proclamation."

"So long as the inhabitants remain peaceable and comply with my orders they will be subjected to no more interference than I consider essential to the performance of my duties. And they need have no fear."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE TO GREECE

An official statement regarding Germany's attitude towards Greece was handed to foreign journalists in Berlin yesterday.

It stated: "Now, as hitherto, diplomatic relations exist between Berlin and Athens but general relations between the two countries can hardly be described as good, since Greece has harnessed herself to British interests."

—Reuter.

N.Z. HOME DEFENCE

INCLUDING THE HOME GUARD AND MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN TRAINING, NEW ZEALAND SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN 100,000 MEN AVAILABLE TO DEFEND HER SHORES IN A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, STATED THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. PETER FRASER, IN A SPEECH IN WELLINGTON YESTERDAY.

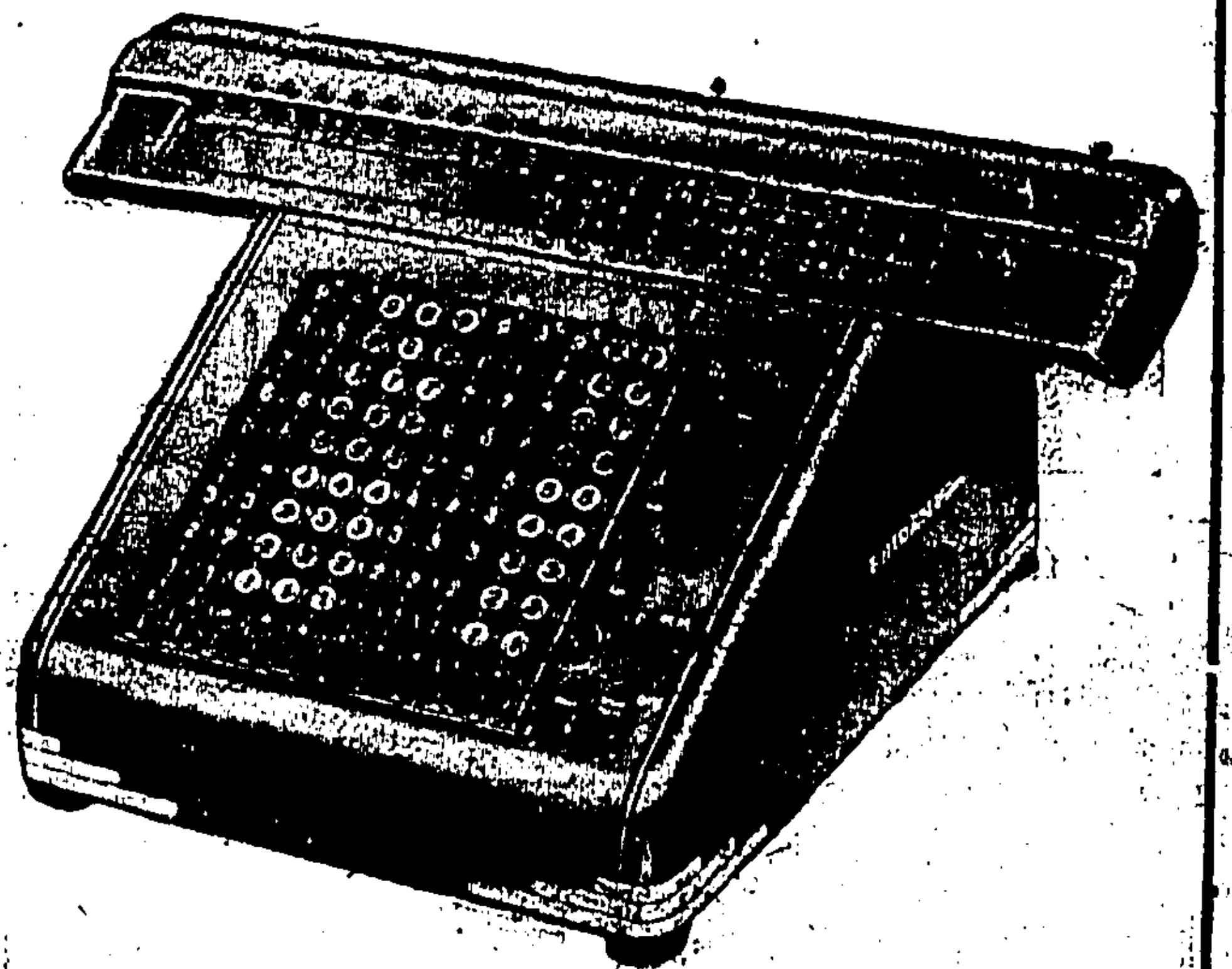
Well over 30,000 New Zealanders, he added, were serving overseas in the three Services and a large proportion of New Zealand's adult population was actively engaged in national war service in one form or another.—Reuter.



The latest fashion in the canine world — 'blitzkrieg' shoes for dogs are being made by the Dumb Friends League to protect them from broken glass caused by air raids. Photo shows a dog being fitted with his "walking out" shoes. (Copyright, Fox).

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—Reuter.

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TREMENDOUS NAVAL EXPANSION OF THE GREAT POWERS

STRIKING EVIDENCE of the ever-growing naval expansion of the great powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet, is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships," published in London yesterday, and which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

Despite wartime censorship and secrecy the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleship, "King George V," in which Lord Halifax went to America, of the new Nazi battleships "Bismarck" and "Tirpitz" and details about other powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets.

A war loss section is included for the first time since 1919, and gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

Britain's losses in big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small vessels, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace.

Britain also lost 36 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

Germany's fleet was reduced by one pocket battleship, the "Graf Spee," four cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

EXCLUDING THE DAMAGE AT TARANTO, ITALY LOST A CRUISER, SEVEN DESTROYERS AND AT LEAST 30 SUBMARINES.

New Battleships

Of the world's new capital ships under construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships, are of at least 35,000 tons, while 20, if not more, are 40,000 tons or over, the latter including four British of the "Lion" class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

The United States has 17 battleships building or on order, and it is suggested that some of these may have the huge displacement of 52,000 tons.

Other items in the American building programme include 12 aircraft-carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

Germany's U-Boats

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called "Friedrich der Grosse" and "Hindenburg," while reports that the battleships "Bismarck" and "Tirpitz" are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.—Reuter.

VISITORS TO KING

THE KING GAVE AUDIENCES YESTERDAY TO THREE IMPORTANT STATESMEN.

First was General de Gaulle, Leader of Free France. It was the first time the King had received General de Gaulle, though he had met him when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

Second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Col. William Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

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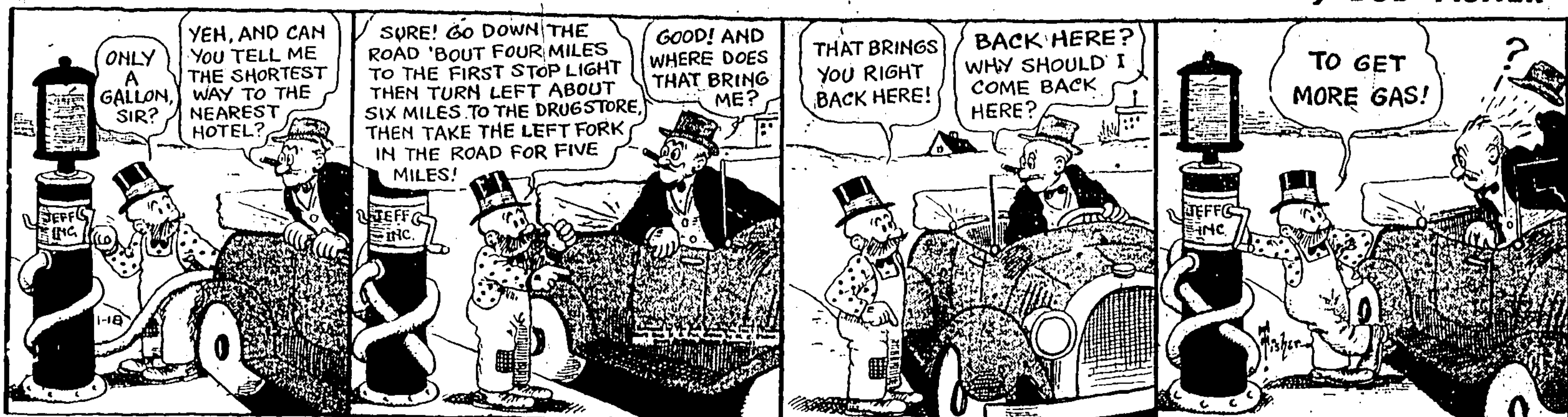
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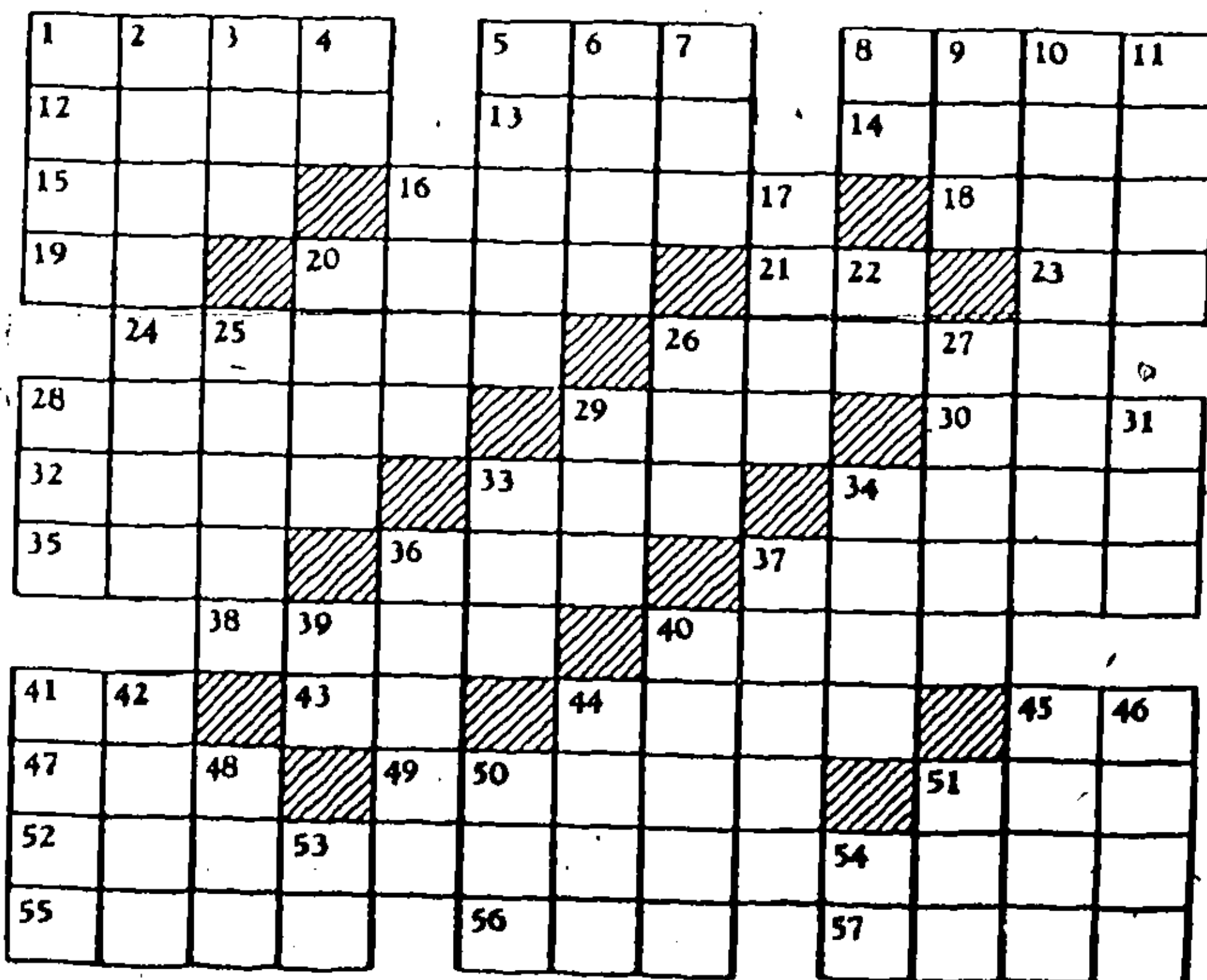
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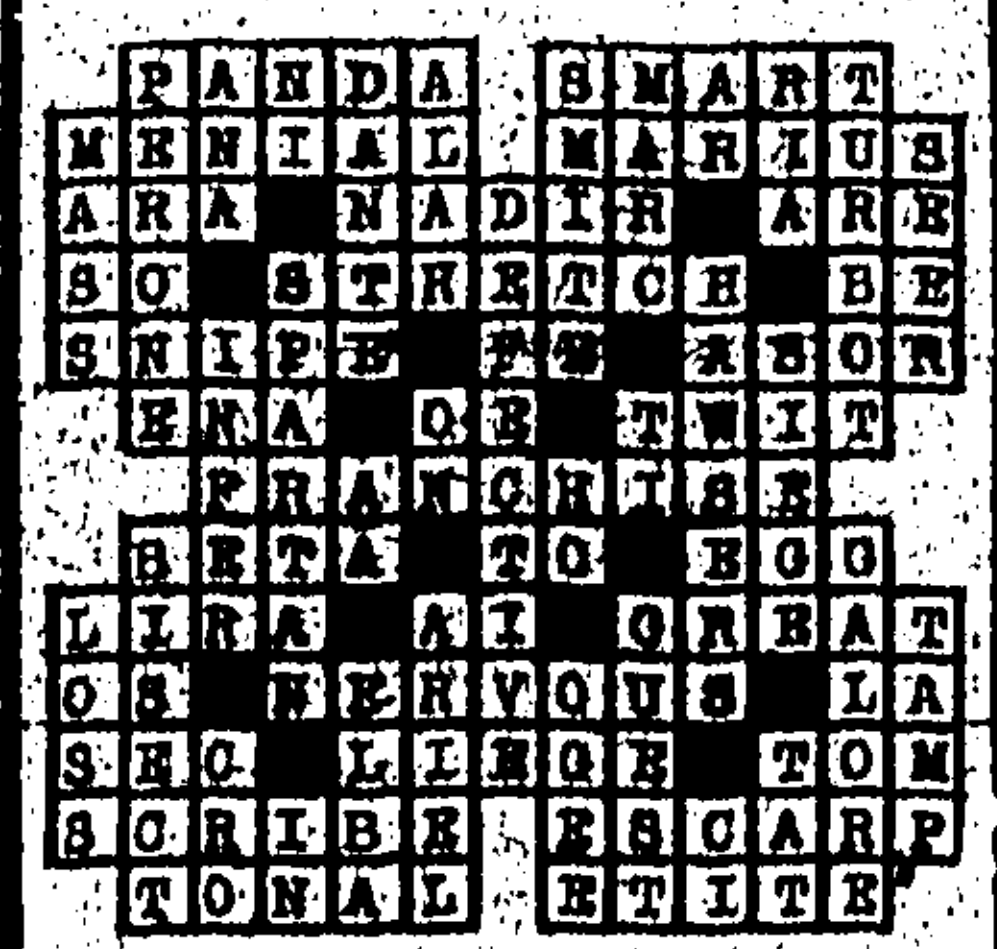
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DUKE OF WINDSOR'S THANKS TO U.S.A.

Moved by the experiences of the two British sailors from a torpedoed British steamer, the Duke of Windsor consented to make a broadcast from Nassau.

The Duke and Duchess were guests at the studio when two British sailors, who were found crawling along the beach of one of the islands after spending weeks in an open boat, told their story.

The Duke, in his address, expressed his gratitude to the "open-hearted" people of the United States and the Red Cross for all they are doing for the British people.

The two sailors are Robert Tapscott, of Cardiff, and Roy Widdicombe, of Newport, believed to be the sole survivors of the crew of 42 of a British freighter that sank in the Atlantic after an attack by a Nazi raider.

They drifted 3,000 miles in an open boat for 70 days before being picked up off the Bahamas.

GOT THE COLONEL'S GOAT

(By A Special Correspondent)
Police are trying to find the owner of a beer-drinking billy goat found wandering in Hackney streets.

According to a label on the collar the white goat belongs to Colonel Hitchin, D.S.O., of Hay Hill, London, W.1. But the mansion flats at Hay Hill are now closed up.

Judging by its well-groomed coat, the goat is probably a regimental pet.

Meanwhile, it is being looked after by Mr. Harry Mills, who keeps a stables in Cassland Road, Hackney.

It has become the pet of the whole yard and follows Mr. Mills everywhere—even to the local pub, where it comes in for its highly half-pint.

"I've never seen an animal like it," Harry Mills told me, "and I have had some queer stray pets brought in by the police—pigs, mules, geese and, once, an elephant."

"But this 'ere goat fair beats the band. It drinks its beer like a Christian."

The family have become so attached to the goat that Harry thinks that he may keep it as a pet for his daughter, Rose instead of selling it to defray his expenses.

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CORRUPTION RIFE IN NAZI FRANCE

CHAOTIC CONDITIONS prevailing in Nazi-occupied territory especially in France where favours and special privileges can be bought — at a price, and where there is an acute shortage of coal due to transportation difficulty, not to mention the strict rationing, are described by a French traveller who recently arrived in Shanghai from Europe.

After exposing the methods of the Gestapo he goes on to say that the situation in Norway is serious with a dearth of dairy products while fishing in the North Sea is now prohibited. An immediate rising of the people is not feasible owing to the lack of arms he said, but large scale sabotage has been going on all the time.

"Money talks in Occupied France. That, in brief, sums up the situation in the occupied territories," he said. Describing the German Army of occupation as largely venal, he said it was no secret that all sorts of favours, privileges, and special exemptions could always be bought—at a price.

To travel from Occupied France to Unoccupied France is difficult, for it is necessary to obtain a special pass and none is given, officially, unless for very good reasons. But, for sums ranging from 1,500 to 3,000 francs for single individuals, it is possible to buy such passes from certain quarters.

He knew of a woman and her two sons who obtained the necessary permits for 20,000 francs. In Paris, German soldiers at night-clubs and cabarets were paying cabaret girls with blank travel passes.

Can Buy Prisoners

The inexplicable detention of two million French prisoners in Germany is keeping their anxious kin in an agony of suspense. It is possible, however, to buy French prisoners out of German camps. He knew of a friend, a lieutenant in the artillery, who was released after five weeks of negotiations for 20,000 francs. The price was a little high because he was a Jew.

The Gestapo are even more corrupt. Far from setting an example, they are more accessible to those with money, although their prices are higher. Contact is established circum-spectly, for obvious reasons, often through telephone girls, most of whom are now Germans, and sometimes through Italians.

Petrol, officially, is strictly rationed, but in August, could also be had for payment. The family mentioned above who travelled to Occupied France was able to obtain enough petrol to drive from Dinard to Vichy, a distance of more than 300 miles. The situation is now probably more difficult, owing to general gasoline shortage.

Private cars cannot operate except with a special permit. In August, there were 17,000 permits for private cars in Occupied France. The number has now been reduced to 7,000. It has become most difficult, even for large sums of money, to buy car permits.

Coal And Food

A serious shortage of coal exists, largely because of lack of transport. Coal is normally hauled in river barges which have now been commandeered for the much-heralded invasion of England.

Rationing is very strict. There is no assurance, however, that one will be able to buy articles even with ration cards. This is especially true with clothing and shoes. Food shortage is noticeable. There is still plenty of bread, although by French standards, it is already much cut down.

Thousands of Germans have entered France. They may be classified generally into three groups:

1. Germans in the Armistice Commission who could be numbered in thousands;
 2. German soldiers on leave, and tourists; and,
 3. Gestapo, also to be counted in the thousands.
- There are not many Italians.

They and the Germans get on very badly together.

The French Air Force is still in existence. It possesses a number of fighters and reconnaissance aircraft. Night flying is not permitted. Each pilot is allowed only ten hours flying a month. No new pilots are being trained.

The French authorities try to move planes from one aerodrome to another in order to confuse the Armistice Commission and give a deceptive idea of the number of planes in commission. This is done on a big scale in North Africa.

Sentiment in Occupied France, according to the traveller, is 95 per cent. pro-British and anti-German. The remaining five per cent. are mercenary, hoping to make something out of dealing with the Germans.

In Unoccupied France, the sentiment is 75 per cent. The rest feel that they must make the best of a bad position and try to come to acceptable terms with Germany.

One of the most striking things about Occupied France is the inefficiency of the administration which is tangled in red tape and riddled with corruption. There is little sign of the thoroughness and efficiency with which the Germans are credited. Conditions vary widely with the personality of the Nazi administrator.

Spain And Norway

The French traveller also was able to give first-hand information of conditions in Spain and Norway.

Spain, he said, has less food than any other occupied country. There is practically no bread and very little rice. The winter has been extremely severe. There is much actual starvation. Little rebuilding is being undertaken.

The food situation in Norway is very serious. No dairy products are obtainable because these formerly came from Denmark. Fishing in the North Sea has been prohibited because of the large number of fishing boats which never returned. Once out of Nazi-controlled waters, the fishing boats sailed straight to England.

ITALIAN BOMB DOES GOOD TURN

Ancient tombs have been discovered near the Siwa oasis, in the Libyan desert, as the result of the explosion of an Italian bomb.

Excavations are to be made around the crater, and further important discoveries are expected to be made.—Reuter.

SAVED HIS GARRISON

His garrison, bombed and shell-ed, was completely surrounded by the enemy—but Captain Henderson did not lose heart.

He encouraged both European and African soldiers to fight on. Efforts to relieve the fort failed.

But Captain Henderson saved his men. By night he led them through the enemy lines to re-join British troops five miles from the fort.

This gallantry in Egypt has won the Military Cross for Captain John David Neil Campbell Henderson, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers (attached to the King's African Rifles) it was announced.

Askari Willie, of the King's African Rifles, has won the Military Medal for taking charge of a badly shelled section post in Egypt.

Fought 100 Cars

Captain Geoffrey William Goschen, of the Royal Horse Artillery, is awarded the M. C. for gallantry in Egypt.

For more than an hour his outpost party fought a column of 100 enemy vehicles.

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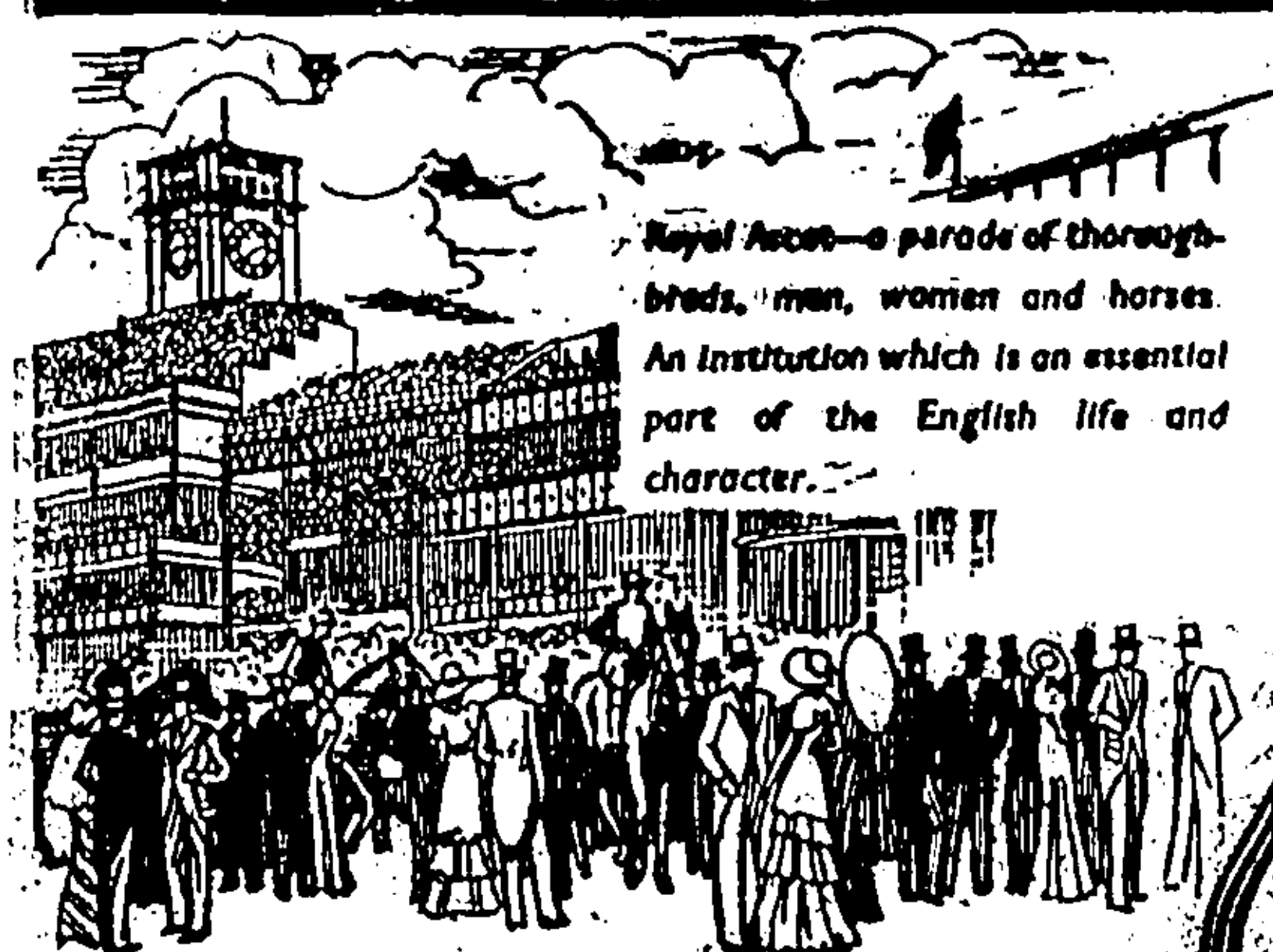
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Co-starred in what has been hailed as the greatest comedy since "The Awful Truth," Loretta Young and Melvyn Douglas currently may be seen at the King's Theatre where Columbia's "He Stayed for Breakfast" is being screened. Alan Marshall, Eugene Pallette and Una O'Connor are featured members of the cast.

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COMMUNIST FRICTION IN CHINA

Absence of the Communist delegates from the sessions of the People's Political Council in Chungking serves one useful purpose. It exposes what many of the closest sympathisers of Free China have been at pains trying to hide: That the essential points of disagreement between the Government and the Communists go deeper than it has been comfortable to admit. That is not to suggest that the difficulties cannot even yet be ironed out. There is one solid issue on which both Chungking and Yen-an can agree, the vital necessity of continued resistance to Japanese aggression.

Between conflicting arguments from both sides as to the merits of the dispute, there is clear suggestion that the faults, such as they are, do not lie entirely on one side or the other. That in its turn implies the necessity for a spirit of give and take if a happy solution of an unfortunate development is to be found.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek came to a working arrangement with the Communists because he realised that it was only by a supreme united effort that China could hope to resist Japan successfully. There had to be an end to all fratricidal strife. But the price paid for this national unity it is now contended is the danger of Communist influence spreading over an ever-widening area. It is being said, in fact, that the fear of Communist expansion in North China is the most disturbing factor in the mind of the Central Government. But it would be China's greatest tragedy if an irremediable split occurred at this stage in her united front. And nothing would serve Japan's interests better.

SCUTTLED!



IN THE TRUE NAZI TRADITION

"Crusade For Civilisation"

Dr. Esme Wingfield Stratford in his book, "Crusade for Civilisation" (Routledge, 7s. 6d.) shows that present-day "Imperialisms" are the totalitarian nations and that the ambitions of all peoples should be free association by the tie of mutual consent. In comparing a commonwealth to the League of Nations, the author writes:—

"Our world commonwealth of the future must have something more to bind it together than a mere formal constitution like that of the League. It is not even certain that it will need to have a constitution at all. The British Commonwealth gets on well enough, and far better than the League, without anything of the sort, unless we are to speak of the occasional imperial conferences as a sort of token organisation.

"It is, I would submit, an entirely false idea, and one of which the Commonwealth is a standing disproof, that international unity cannot be effected without some sort of super-State machinery, or what our ancestors would have called a social contract. There are even thinkers like Mr. H. G. Wells, of whom one cannot speak without the deepest respect, who will not be content without a world cabinet, with ministers and departments all complete.

they hopefully assume, will be at the permanent beck and call of the League politicians.

"The pros and cons of such schemes may furnish a good enough evening's entertainment for a debating society, or fill out a lively pamphlet, but to wait till one of them—whatever its merits in the abstract—has the remotest chance of materialising, is to wait for the Greek calends. The most of the sort that any practical man will dare to envisage is the putting together again, and perhaps a certain reinforcement, of the broken-down machinery at Geneva.

"This time, perhaps, it may be got to work, given the spirit to work it. But given that spirit, the League, or Commonwealth, may be trusted, at a pinch, to dispense with any machinery at all, and to thrive as a gentleman's agreement between gentlemen. But this time there must be none of the opposite sort to wreck it. Membership must be confined to those who have the objects of the association at heart, and in whose good faith it is reasonably possible to confide.

"My own belief, for what it is worth, is in trusting wholly, or as much as possible, to the team spirit of spontaneous and free cooperation between free peoples. Get on with the good work of civilisation; get into the habit of working together, and having tasted of its benefits, let practice make perfect.

No Ground For Hope

"It was the habit of the Spartans, the Nazis of classical Greece," says Dr. Wingfield Stratford, in his chapter, "Whither Germany," "to declare a perpetual state of war on their helots; just as the Germans do, by implication, on Jews, Poles, Czechs, and all such. But are we not coming very close to the same thing, when we argue

that it is not the Nazi regime from which we are fighting to deliver Germany, but that the German people itself is the enemy; and that Hitlerism has to be accepted as the permanent sub-conscious faith and religion of every German, which only force, continuously applied, can prevent from coming to the surface?

"This belief, which would leave no ground for hope except in the extermination or perpetual helotage of the entire German people, is the most suicidal form of propaganda.

"Even those of us who have not yet travelled in Southern or Western Germany, those who are too young to look back to the time when leaders of British culture could look to Germany as a spiritual home, ought to know better than to speak of the countrymen of Goethe, of Beethoven, of Dürer, of Martin Luther, as a species of barbarians and Hungers, or as having, within the span of one mortal life, become Prussianised past praying for.

"Our victory will be no victory unless we can confirm it by getting the best part of the German people back for civilisation, instead of repeating our hideous blunder, after the last war, of driving them back into the arms of Prussia. For it was neither original sin nor the love of tyranny for its own sake that made the German feel that Prussia indispensable to him; but simply because he had come to feel that nothing but the iron of Prussian discipline, entering his soul, could save him from remaining, what he had been for centuries, the hopeless victim of his own incapacity to combine.

Proved Failure Of The Tyrant

"Now that he has had experience, in his own daily life, of a tyranny more crushing and merciful

less than that of any foreign occupation, is it too much to hope that the proved failure of this tyranny even to justify itself in its own terms of military success, will produce a revulsion of German sentiment which, if we know how to play up to it, will cause a mighty renaissance of German civilisation along with a renouncement of Prussianism, super-Prussianism, and all their works?

The author is in no doubt, however, that the Prussian spirit must be crushed. He writes:—

"One thing is clear. Even if we should win the war, the peace will be hopelessly lost unless, by one means or another, it is possible to give Germany back her soul, and to woo or persuade her to forsake the bondage of her present tyranny for membership of, and communion with, the Commonwealth of free nations. For that no sacrifice will be too great, and no measure of forgiveness excessive.

"What will remain to be done with Prussia will present the hardest problem of all. To deny the possibility of her ultimate conversion would be to despair of human nature. And the really great Prussian qualities of devotion and self-sacrifice may be as powerful in the service of good as that of evil.

"But to change a spirit that has persisted and grown continuously for centuries is easier said than done. And until we have plain and practical proof of the Prussian being for, instead of against, civilisation, he must for his own good, and everyone else's safety, have his claws cut, and his jaws muzzled.



There Must Be No Totalitarian Regime

"No principle of sane freedom commands us to let a dangerous wild beast loose on the world. And to hand over the natives of tropical colonies against their wills, to the tender mercies of a Power wedded openly to the principles and practice of tyranny, would be to touch a lower depth of crime even than of lunacy.

"There must be no sort of Totalitarian regime; no gestapo, Jewbaiting, or concentration camps; no militarisation of youth or gangs of storm troopers. The principles of freedom do not extend to allowing gangsters to organise their rackets in peace, or train up their children in crooks' colleges."

In his Epilogue Dr. Wingfield Stratford sums up the policy and ideals of his "Crusade for Civilisation."

"We peoples of the British Commonwealth," he writes, "at last know the strength as well as the evil, of this devilry that has come up against us, and I do not think there is any one who doubts of our own strength to meet it and, in due time, to save our souls alive, whatever happens to our bodies or our possessions.

"It has penetrated the very depths of our common consciousness that our defeat now will be the defeat of mankind, the death-sentence on life itself; and that defeat is therefore, and has got to be, unthinkable.

"Enough that we have only our own souls to rely on now; the Kingdom within us, a stronger and deeper certainty than that of our enemies. We are not going to fail."

This is an interesting book full of constructive suggestions and discriminating thinking, people will find in it much that will help them to face the problems of our time, says "Public Opinion."

RESISTANCE IN BELGIUM GROWS DAILY

(From A Belgian Correspondent.)

FROM TIME TO TIME young Belgians succeed in escaping from their invaded country to join the Belgian Army on British soil. The tale they have to tell is one of oppression, robbery, deceit and violence.

But it is also a tale of hope, because they are proud to testify that the Belgians resist their German oppressors with the same courage as they did during the last war, in spite of the knowledge that the outside world has not the same sympathy for them now as it had in 1914.

In 1914, Belgium under German rule enjoyed, up to a point, the protection afforded by the presence of diplomatic representatives of neutral countries, especially of the United States. In this war, however, the Germans have not long tolerated the presence of such formidable witnesses. The Nazis hope to isolate the Belgian people by lowering, as it were, the iron curtain between the stage and the auditorium.

But they are not succeeding. Belgians have no obvious means of communicating with the outside world, but they know perfectly well how the war is progressing. They listen in secret to the British broadcasts in French and Flemish, and nearly every day they see British aeroplanes on their way to objectives in Belgium itself or in Germany.

In these circumstances it is no great marvel if practically all Belgians take a very optimistic view of the prospects of the war and are ardently pro-British.

The King's Position

The determination shown by Britain after the French surrender is the main reason for the spirit of resistance in Belgium. Other factors are the plundering of Belgian food stores and industrial products, the extraordinary blunders and impudence of German propaganda, and the attempts of the invader to divide the Belgians among themselves by playing off the Flemish against the Walloons or French-speaking Belgians.

Resistance is considerably strengthened by the fact that King Leopold in spite of German pressure, has refused to conclude any kind of agreement with Germany, and considers himself a prisoner of war.

He is still popular with his people, and no constitutional issue has arisen between the King in Brussels and the Belgian Government in London.

The Government say he is not in a position to exercise his powers as King, and he himself implicitly approves this verdict by having no dealings with the enemy.

German soldiers mount guard at all times in front of the Chateau Royal de Laeken, the King's summer residence on the outskirts of Brussels. Every day Belgians lay flowers near the gates.

Shadow Over Brussels

Brussels is no longer the gay city where the comforts of life were perhaps the cheapest in Europe. The tramp of German boots sounds everywhere, and the only cars to be seen are those of German officers. Among the German soldiers, the old reservists, disillusioned by the length of the war, do not conceal their desire to go home. These men hate the young and arrogant Nazis, and frequent clashes occur between them; the military authorities dare not house them in the same barracks.

All Belgians agree that the young Nazi soldiers betray an astonishing ignorance of everything outside their party creed. With plenty of marks in their pockets, the German soldiers have emptied the shops, buying mostly chocolate, silk stockings, soap, wireless sets and cameras. Although relations between the Belgians and the Germans appear to be cool and correct the population has become a vast secret society united against the enemy. From time to time acts of sabotage are committed during the night, though everybody is aware that some inhabitants, mostly soldiers released from Germany, will be taken as hostages. Factories are destroyed by mysterious fires, and

military wires are cut. In Dieghem, a village near Brussels, Belgians armed with carbines attacked a house inhabited by German officers. The obscure soldiers of a potential rebellion have begun to work in the dark.

FOR PLUCK AT SEA

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Heroic Figure

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The new medal has on one side a heroic figure symbolising courage and endurance, seated, and looking out over the sea. In the distance is a vessel of the Mercantile Marine. The inscription is "Awarded by Lloyd's."

On the other side a trident symbolising sea power is surrounded by an endless wreath of oak leaves and acorns. On a ribbon across the centre is the single word "Bravery."

ESCAPE AIR NIGHTMARE

IN A NIGHTMARE flight over Germany at night, a British bomber crew found themselves trapped in a snowstorm at 14,000ft., with an engine stopped and shell bursting below them, then caught in a balloon barrage.

But because the front gunner was injured and could not bale out the rest of the crew, threatened with disaster at any moment, refused to leave him to his fate.

This crew had been detailed to attack a target in Germany. As soon as they reached the Dutch coast they ran into heavy cloud. "We went up to 14,000ft. without getting clear," said the sergeant pilot.

Then it started to snow and soon the outside of the front turret was thickly covered.

"The front gunner couldn't see a thing, so he came out. There was snow all over the top part of his clothing."

"Things got worse. The airspeed indicators froze up. The second pilot agreed with me that it seemed pretty useless trying to get through."

Steep Spirals

"We were about eighty miles inland and, turning, we set course for base. Ten minutes later the starboard engine started missing, then the engine failed altogether,

SKY DRIPS WITH BITS OF 'PLANE

"The stuff was simply dripping out of the sky." That is how an amazed R.A.F. pilot described the annihilation of a German 'plane by a shell from a cannon-firing fighter.

The R. A. F. pilot, though only twenty-one, has already won the D. F. C. and bar.

Attacked Two

He was one of a formation of four fighters which attacked ten to fifteen Messerschmidt 109's.

The British fighters had the advantage of height, and as they dived to the attack the twenty-one-year-old pilot singled out a pair of Messerschmidts as his target.

"At fifteen miles over the Channel I got them within range of my cannon," he said. "I fired a few rounds at one, but missed."

"So I turned my attention to the other one. This time, from dead astern, I fired very deliberately."

"What happened then was like nothing I had ever seen before—not even on the pictures."

Hit Petrol Tank

"I gave him two short bursts. The cannon shells went 'boom, boom,' and one must have struck his petrol tank."

"The Messerschmidt 109 exploded in front of me like a bursting A. A. shell. There was a quick flash, a cloud of black smoke and bits were flying through the air. The stuff was simply dripping out of the sky."

"I broke away and looked round. The smoke quickly dispersed, and of all the pieces falling around me there wasn't one I could recognise as any part of an aeroplane."

"It was the most amazing sight I have ever seen. I only hope the same thing happens every time I fire these lovely cannons of mine."



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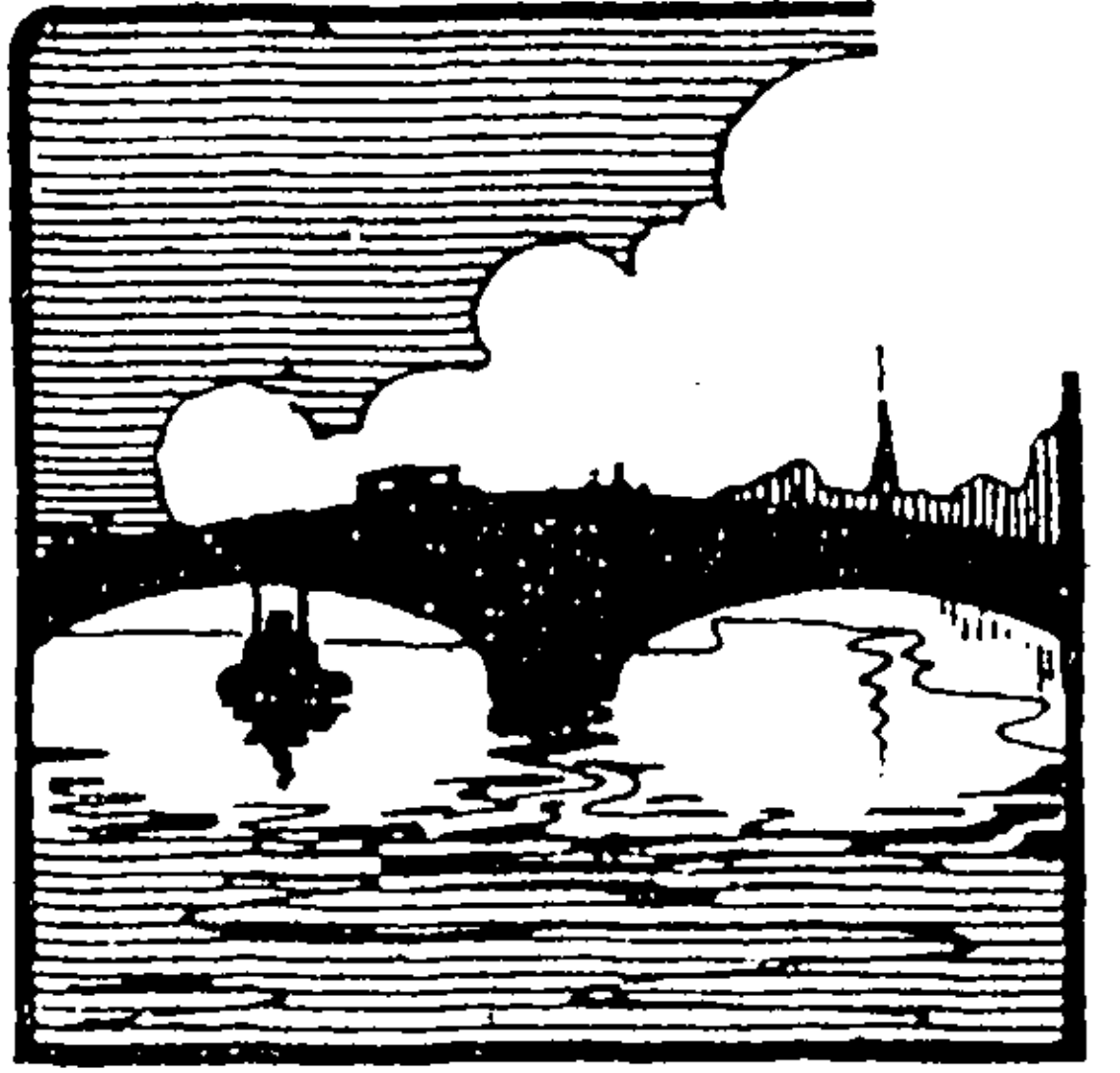
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Loretta Young, who won a new fame for her madcap antics in Columbia's "The Doctor Takes a Wife," returns to the King's Theatre to-day in what has been called the season's grandest comedy, Columbia's "He Stayed for Breakfast." Melvyn Douglas is co-starred.

R.A.F. RUSH U.S. 'PLANES INTO AIR WAR

TEN FAST-WORKING British mechanics take newly arrived American fighter 'planes out of their packing cases, fit wings, fuselage and armament together and in a few hours have the 'planes ready for combat.

A party of correspondents learned this and other facts concerning the mounting stream of American aircraft in Britain on an inspection visit just made to an airfield somewhere in England. It is one of several chief assembly fields for the hundreds of 'planes made for Great Britain in Buffalo, Baltimore, Santa Monica and elsewhere in the United States and then sent across the ocean by ship or flown under their own power.

Attached said scores of American 'planes were going through the field continuously, being prepared for action. Most of them were Tomahawks, sharp-nosed single-seat bomber 'planes carrying six machine guns and powered by liquid-cooled Allison engines, and Mohawks, also single-seaters with six guns, but with Wright Cyclone air-cooled motors. Both ships are products of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, whose chief plant is at Buffalo.

Sham Battle

In a sham battle at the field, the American Curtiss P-40 demonstrated superiority over the British Hurricane, while in another mock fight an American Tomahawk gave a better performance than a Hurricane. The American Mohawk was said to be able to outmanoeuvre both the Spitfire and the Hurricane.

Other 'planes seen were the Buffalo fighter, called the Brewster in America; the Martlet fighter, made by Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation; and two twin-engined bombers, the Boston, made by Douglas, and the Maryland, made by the Glenn L. Martin Company.

"These will represent the difference between stalemate and victory," a young official of Lord Beaverbrook's Ministry of Aircraft Production said.

Midway in the tour a big Lockheed 'plane swooped to a landing, bearing an American pilot and three Canadian youths who had just flown the Atlantic with 'planes for Britain and landed a few hours before. A Royal Air Force commander stepped up to greet them.

The American ferry pilot said he was from Denver and reported that this was his second flight across the ocean with a 'plane for the R.A.F. Just before joining the 'plane-ferrying service, he said, he

flew a Coast Guard 'plane from Floyd Bennett Field.

High Standard

An official guided the newspaper men through huge hangars where men with tools and derricks were rushing more 'plane assemblies.

"These aircraft are built to such high standards that we can interchange any wing and fuselage in case of damage to a part of the original 'plane," the guide said. "Incidentally — and this is remarkable — there has been no case of the loss of a completed 'plane coming over from America. We have lost parts of some 'planes and some jigs and tools, but no completed machines."

Correspondents were left with the impression that more American bombers formed Britain's most crying need. The British have found particular use for Lockheed-Hudsons for bombing the German-held "invasion ports" across the Channel, for coastal reconnaissance and for other purposes. Other bombers have found much use. Britain needs all the bombers she can get, for the R.A.F. is determined to take the offensive against Adolf Hitler's air force.

WAR NEEDS END STRIKE

A few hours after the employees of Montague Burton's clothing factory at Bolton, Lancs, had come out on strike in sympathy with employees at Walkden and Worsley, they decided — "in the national interest" — that everyone should return to work.

About 5,000 were affected. The strike started when employees refused to work with a man expelled from the union for a breach of discipline. The firm refused to dismiss him.

U.S. PILOTS IN R.C.A.F.

Mr. Leonard Brockington, councillor of the Canadian Cabinet's War Committee, said in a speech in New York that "of all the men training as gunners, observers and pilots in the R. C. A. F. seven per cent. are United States citizens." — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BIG TANK OUTPUT

Trying To Catch Up With Germany

Britain is fast pushing ahead with the output of men and material in an effort to overtake Germany's great lead in tank production and units to man them. The view has been expressed that the flow of tanks already exceeds that of full-trained men to man them.

Two types of formation in the Royal Armoured Corps expanding rapidly are the Armoured Division, possessing the most formidable hitting power in the British Army, self-contained and working at high speed, and the even more weighty Army Tank Brigade, working at a slower pace with the infantry.

The aim in equipment is standardisation, with more armament and heavier armour than even that possessed by the heavy infantry tanks lost to Germany in France.

It was the knowledge that no known anti-tank gun in use could penetrate the tank rather than its relative comfort which gave a war-time trip in a 25-ton land ship a sense of security. British experts do not believe that the Germans are any better exponents of the use of tanks. There is evidence that the Germans still are having to re-shape their ideas on equipment. Not one tank officer who served in France seems to believe that the Germans possess any juggernauts.

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REMOVAL NOTICE

B. C. Cheng, registered dentist, former principal of Min Sang Brothers, Dental Office has removed his practice to No. 29a, Nathan Road, First Floor.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on **FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock** in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:

Number of Directors "95 The Directors of the Company shall not be less than "six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

STICKING TO YOUR GUNS

By The Four Aces

"After reading some of your recent articles," writes a Connecticut fan, "I've concluded that a great many players just use a difficult Bridge hand as an excuse to start an old-fashioned brawl. Here in Hartford we have many disagreements but no squabbles—at least among the players I know. Here's one of our difficulties that might have led to some trouble elsewhere—we're just curious to know the rights and wrongs of the matter:

North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ 10 3
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ K J 4

♠ K J 4 2 ♠ A 7 5
♥ 9 5 4 ♥ 8
♦ A 6 4 ♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ A Q 7 ♣ 10 8 6 5 2

♠ 9 3
♥ A K Q J 7 6 2
♦ J 7
♣ 9 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	1bl.
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"South was set one trick at four hearts, since the opponents took two spades and the minor-suit Aces in a hurry. But, as North pointed out, three no-trump could not be defeated. Should South have gone to the comparative safety of four hearts or should he have taken a chance and passed three no-trump doubled?"

First, a reply to the comment about fights. We're sorry if our comments make it appear that Bridge fights are very common. We think most players have a very good time at the time and never venture any but good-natured criticism. And we've seen a lot of very loud games in which the fierce invective was just part of the fun. As far as we can see there's no harm in either type of game—it's just a matter of personal taste.

As for the hand, we think South should have passed three no-trump doubled. His hand was good for seven tricks, and game would be made if North could contribute two more. If North had a wide-open suit, he would have "run" to four hearts after the double; his pass indicated that the no-trump contract was not just a wild stab.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenker's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ K J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenker	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. You have a fairly good five-card major suit with good distribution, although meagre high-card strength. There cannot be any point in suppressing your suit at this stage of the bidding.

Score 100% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 656

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenker	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



An optimist is he who thinks there'll come a time when he can take life easy.

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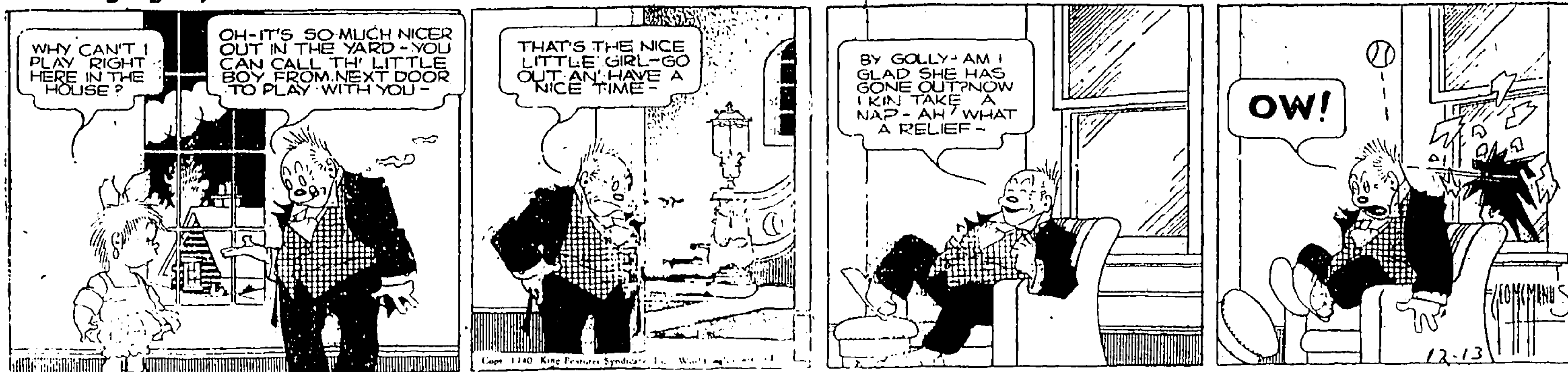
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Clean The Face Properly

This admonition of cleaning one's face properly is not for those who live away from dust and grime in the air. It is for women who live in town where the air is laden with particles which the skin collects.

Most external skin blemishes come from thoughtlessness. You might THINK you clean your skin well, but actually you do not unless you take infinite pains.

To clean a city skin well it is actually necessary to use both a cleansing cream and soap and water daily, and a steaming and brush scrubbing followed by a masque, weekly. Now that sounds like a lot of trouble, but once a woman establishes a skin cleaning routine the effort becomes second nature to her.

Adopt This Programme

We begin at night, or at the end of the work day, with skin care. Then you should use a generous amount of cleansing cream on your face and all around your neck including upper shoulders for dirt settles there alarmingly. After working this well into your skin with finger tips, remove it with several face tissues or a soft cotton or linen towel. Personally I feel more grime comes off the skin if one uses a cotton or linen square and these may be boiled in sudsy water on laundry day.

The cream cleansing is followed by a washing with a FRESH face cloth and soap suds. I do not think it is a good idea to rub the soap on the face cloth and then on your face. Rather dip the saturated face cloth into the suds of the soap which you can easily whip up, and then be certain to rinse very well with warm water

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followed by splashing with cold water.

If you plan to go out in the evening after such a face cleansing, and you apply a powder base

and make-up, you must cream your face again before going to bed, and wash it with soap and water in the morning when you take your shower or tub.

But if you leave your skin squeaking-clean all evening and night you need only wash it well with warm water (no soap) in the morning, and splash it with cold water which is a splendid firming astringent.

Simplest Of Beauty Routines

According to Lucy Monroe the famed Star Spangled Soprano, a woman can keep beautiful through the simplest of beauty routines providing she is loyal to it. "It's the regularity of the effort that counts, and not the complexity of it," states this beauty who has earned the nickname of Star Spangled Soprano because she has sung it more often than any other star!

When she arises in the morning, Miss Monroe uses a generous amount of fluffy cleansing cream on her fresh looking complexion. She leaves this on while she breakfasts, reads her paper and bathes. A hot bath with cream on her face is an excellent means of keeping her skin soft, she finds, for the steaming opens the pores and allows the cream to soften and cleanse deeply.

This beauty is most partial to hot baths, filled to the brim and scented with bath oil. She adores all bath accessories — perfumed soaps, friction mlts, cologne and dusting powder. In these she indulges to the limit!

After her morning tubbing off comes the cleansing cream with tissue and wads of cotton saturated with a mild skin lotion. She uses no powder base or rouge for daytime but she does use two powders—a darker shade first and then a lighter one. The powder is applied to the skin thoroughly by pressing with clean cotton and then the excess is brushed off (a trick many women could adopt to advantage).

Miss Monroe does touch up her eyelashes and she prefers the

smallest most inexpensive size of mascara because it doesn't get a chance to "gum up" as the larger cakes do.

Night Care

Before retiring this beautiful songbird removes her make-up with cleansing cream and skin tonic. Once in a while she washes her face in soap and water. Then she pats on a skin lubricant to do night repairing. This takes not longer than five minutes but she makes it a rule never to neglect this simple routine.

Hands, and body too, are treated to an old-fashioned almond lotion to which Miss Monroe is so devoted that she cannot wash her hands without using it both winter and summer. "This simple habit keeps my hands nicely groomed and soft and when I get a body massage I request that this same lotion be used."

As Miss Monroe is kept very busy travelling, filling her singing engagements, she admits there is little time for formal exercising; but she has a body massage whenever she can, for she feels massage keeps muscles firm and skin soft. She walks too, about a mile a day or more, and the fresh air helps to keep her eyes as bright and clear as they are, and her cheeks pink!

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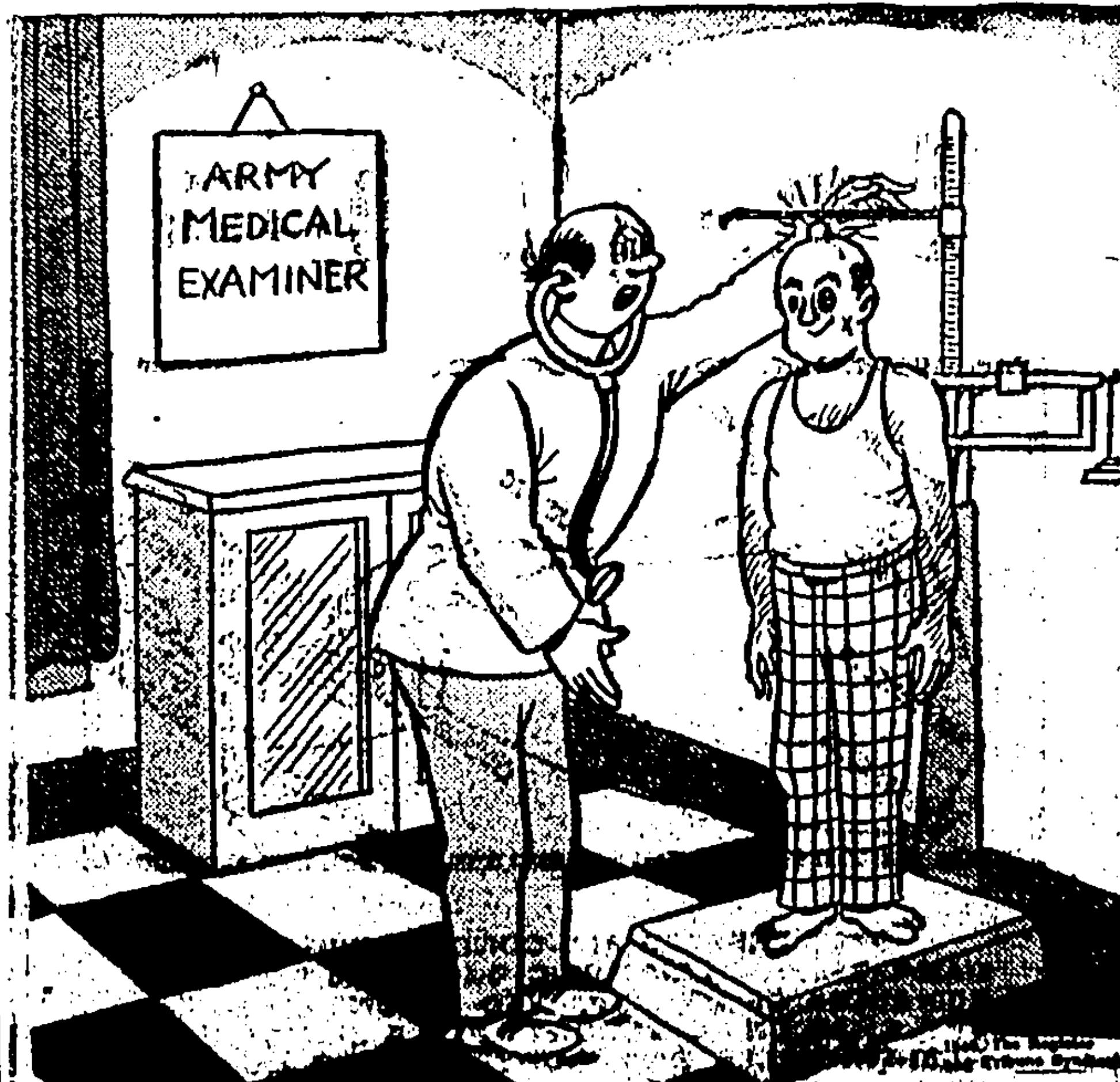
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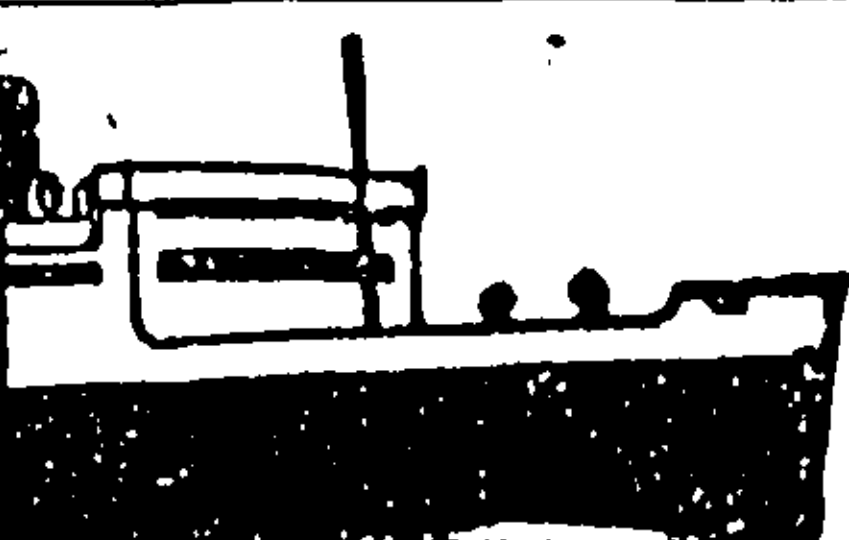
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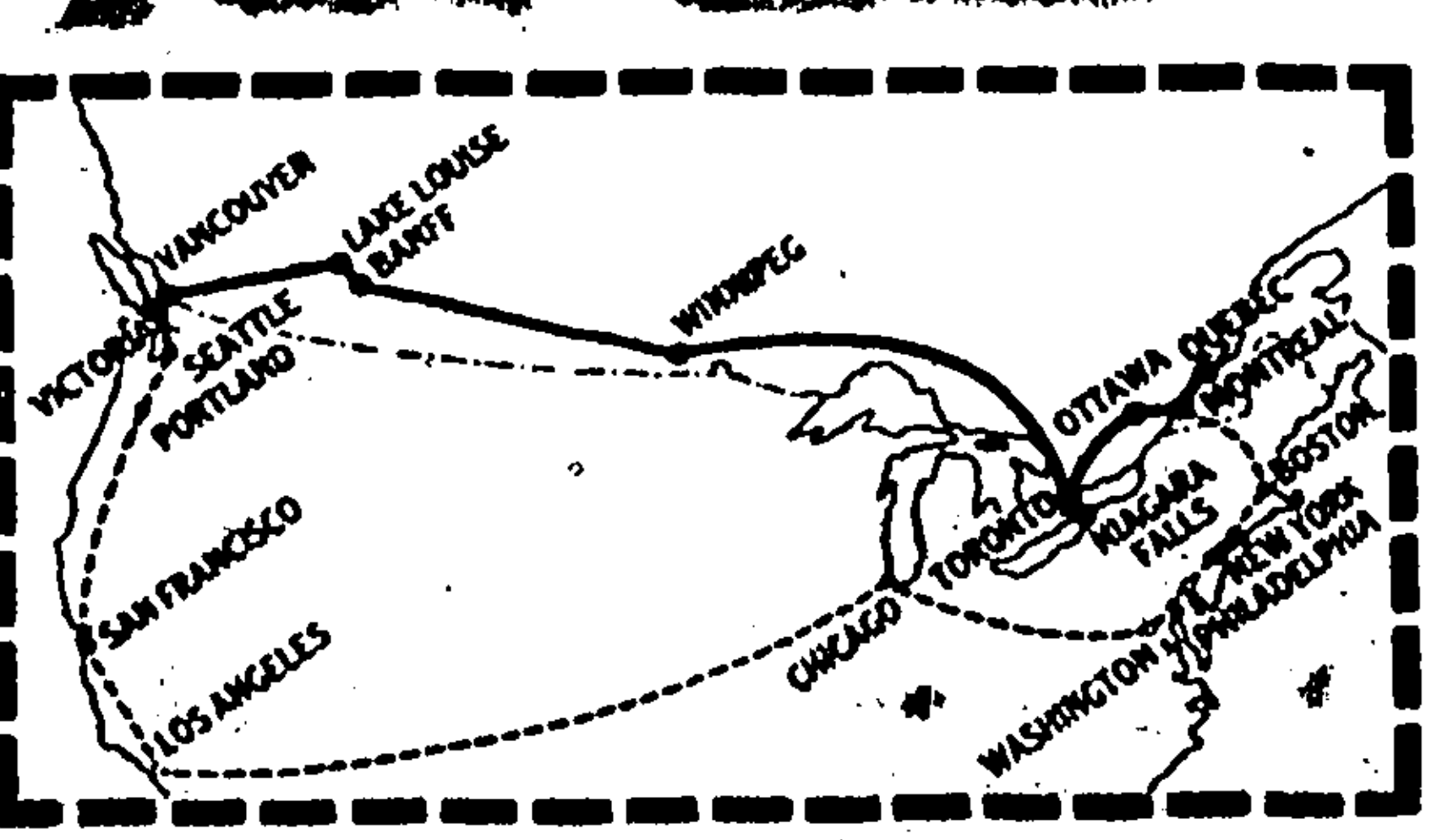
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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.03 p.m.—Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Half an hour with Chopin.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"From the Old Country". Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Merry-Go-Lucky".

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Mavis Bennett (Soprano) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Medicine"—No. 3: "Qualified at 18: Living in his Stethoscope, Rene Laennec." Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.02 p.m.—Selections from Grand Opera with Jussi Bjorling (Tenor).

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Graziani's gunners had a spotting plane over Sollum to direct their fire but the spotter must have been amazed to see that every time an Italian shell burst a house in another part of the town went up. He sent off frantic signals to his gunners asking them to correct the fire.

Finally the spotter wheeled off in disgust as it dawned on him that a gunning group of British sappers were squatting round at the end of their electric fuse-wires at a safe distance, blowing up houses they had previously mined. Each time the Italians fired a shell the sappers exploded another house.

HE LOST FAITH--- AND---DIED

AN OFFICER in charge of a bomb disposal squad who had been praised for his work shot himself because he had an inferiority complex.

This is the letter left by Second-Lieutenant Leonard Arthur Jeffery Dyke, thirty-three, of the Royal Engineers:—

"If I should die, it was because I was ashamed of my weak and puny efforts beside those of my gallant comrades in the Army who, under most difficult and trying circumstances, performed miracles.

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The letter was read by Mr. T. B. Bishop, the deputy county coroner, at the inquest at Chatham.

The remainder of the letter, said the coroner, was devoted to expressions of love by Lieutenant Dyke for his wife and children.

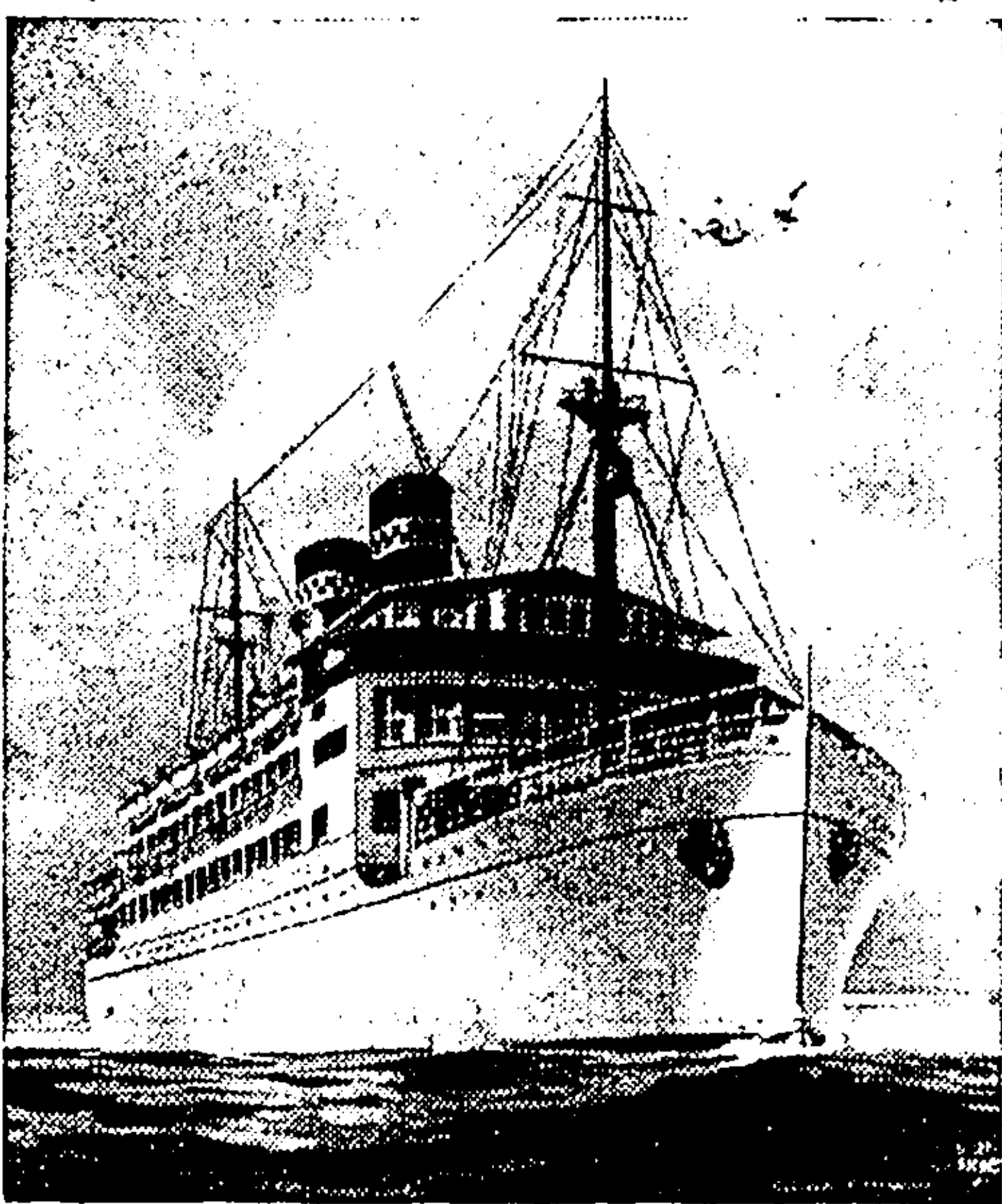
The coroner returned a verdict of Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

An officer stated that Lieutenant Dyke was an officer of marked ability, and during his work in Scotland as a member of a bomb disposal squad had been specially recommended by the G.O.C. Scottish Command for a report he made on bomb disposal.

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Mrs. Newsum said she could not explain why she took the stockings. She was fined 50s.

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SAYS BOXER STRUCK HER

Dave Crowley, lightweight boxer, said recently that his wife damaged his face more by stretching it than ever anyone did in the ring.

His wife declared that he struck her with his fist a number of times and once in Leicester-square he knocked her unconscious. Crowley denied it.

Crowley, who is a P.T. instructor in the R.A.F., appeared at West London Police Court to contest a summons by his wife for alleged persistent cruelty.

They were married in 1939 and there was a daughter of eleven months. Crowley was thirty and his wife ten years younger.

"Violent Temper"

Mrs. Crowley's case was that her husband "had a violent and uncontrollable temper, and that he assaulted her nearly every week. He had threatened to kill her and she was terrified of him.

Crowley denied that he had ever struck his wife and maintained that she suffered from nerves.

After the mothers of both parties had given evidence the magistrate (Mr. Paul Bennett) said, "Crowley says he has never assaulted his wife, but her mother, an obviously truthful and fair witness, has satisfied me that there have been serious assaults. He made a separation order, giving the custody of the child to the mother.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING

COVETED RACING DOUBLE WON BY T. K. LI'S STABLE

Donald Black Heads Jockeys After Lean Start

ACCIDENTS MAR FIRST TWO DAYS' RACING

"By Rapier"

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING has come and gone, setting at rest, for another year, all speculations regarding the classic events. This year's meeting, however, was rather badly marred by inclement weather, and on two occasions it was deemed necessary to postpone racing on account of the sodden state of the track, which has suffered most severely.

Taking all things into consideration, it must be agreed that the Steward acted very wisely in their decisions, as, on the first two days, the track was far too slippery, causing several accidents.

After winning the Austral Valley Stakes on A Happy Time, Mr. Holden had very bad luck in being kicked by Luxury on the leg, whilst riding A Surprising Time before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes. He came off his pony for a time, then remounted and finished the race very gamely, but had later to go to hospital for treatment.

This was Mr. Holden's first experience on the local track. He came from Shanghai with a fine reputation, and it was indeed a pity we were unable to see what he really could do.

Riding Jungle Princess, Mr. D. G. Woo came down heavily rounding the bend outside the stable. He was rendered unconscious, and the pony had to be destroyed. Mr. S. W. Tang was brought down when The Koala Bear slipped at practically the same spot, but the pony did not suffer any injury.

In the Wakool Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies, Commander Craven, riding Melody Star, fell when nearing the one and a half miles post, and Mr. Peter Wei was brought down on Fair Chance. Both jockeys suffered injuries, Commander Craven the more serious, with a fractured arm, Melody Star had to be destroyed, but Fair Chance was apparently unhurt.

THE JOCKEYS

Failing to score a single win on the first two days of racing, Mr. Don Black came through the meeting with flying colours, with eight wins to top the list of successful jockeys. His riding on a few occasions was really superb, particularly his win on Viceroy, which beat Far View practically on the post. I believe, however, that Mr. Black derived most satisfaction from his win on Confusion Bay in the Champion Stakes.

Needa and Moller came next with six wins each, followed by



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No. 1, Pih, Ip Kui-ying, the latter winning four times in nine outings.

Mr. R. M. Wood graduated from the Novice Class through his nicely judged win on Eve of Dancing. He received hearty congratulations, which were well merited.

THE OWNERS

Mr. T. K. Li had the satisfaction of heading the list of Owners, with seven wins, five seconds and three thirds. He achieved the distinction of winning The Hong Kong Derby and the Champion Stakes, with Oolong and Confusion Bay ridden by Needa and Black, respectively.

The One Stable, owned by the veteran Mr. Eric Moller, was next with six wins, five seconds and three thirds, followed by the Eve Stable, Li Lan-sang, and Needa, the last named being owner of United Express, which proved itself undisputed champion among the new Australian Subscription Griffins.

NEW CHINA PONIES

Due to postponement of the meeting from Saturday to Monday, owners of new China ponies had to revise their entries with the result that Oolong was sent out in the Maiden Stakes instead of the Trial Plate, and Marber's nomination, Charlesber, was kept back for the Derby.

After winning the Maiden Stakes, Oolong was strongly fancied to win the Derby and this expectation was fully justified. The Moller candidates, Velvetlight (Mr. Moller) and Lovelylight (Mr. Noodt) had to be content with second and third.

Charlesber failed miserably, and the pony, a strong and nice-looking animal, was evidently not sufficiently galloped in training. By the time The Rock was reached for the second time, it gradually faded out of the picture. At this stage, Oolong got in front, and Mr. Noodt made a determined attempt to secure the rails, but Mr. Needa was not to be easily caught. Coming into the straight, Oolong was running comfortably. Just when Lovelylight was falling back, Velvetlight came forward to challenge Oolong, but to no avail.

Mr. T. K. Li's pony won the Derby, and both owner and jockey received an ovation.

Although it failed badly in the Hong Kong Derby, World Fair View (Mr. Pih) accounted for the Racing Stakes, and its win here was certainly most convincing. In the Hopeful Stakes, Oolong and Velvetlight gave spectators a thrilling finish. On this occasion, Oolong was ridden by Mr. Sokoloff, who timed his win nicely, just beating Velvetlight by a short head.

There was, however, a different tale to tell the next day, when these two ponies clashed again in the Tyro Stakes. This time, Oolong had another jockey in Mr. G. Pollock. Coming into the straight, Oolong was well in front, as it turned the bend faster than Velvetlight, but the latter responded most gamely to Mr. Moller's urge, and amidst great excitement, defeated Oolong by half a length.

Prior to the commencement of racing, Palber, belonging to the Marber Stable, was regarded as a potential challenger for the Derby, but it suffered a set-back in training.

It ran third in the Maiden

Stakes, and it was not until the fourth day that it scored a win, in the Grand Stand Stakes.

NEW AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS

There is no doubt whatever that, among the new Australian Griffins, Distant View, owned by Mr. Li Lan-sang, is outstanding. It won the Austral Derby without being seriously challenged.

On the first day, A Happy Time (Mr. Holden) won the Austral Valley Stakes (one mile), with Fleetwing (Mr. Poy) second and Colooma (Mr. Black) third. Distant View simply walked away with the Austral Maiden Stakes (six furlongs).

In the Austral Trial Plate a most curious accident occurred. Nomine Poenae (ridden by Mr. Chao) took the lead from the very start, and so well was it running within a hundred yards from the end that it looked a sure winner. Unfortunately Mr. Chao got unseated and was thrown over the rails, with the result that First Love (Mr. Liang) was given an easy win.

The Austral Derby was run in a downpour of rain, and the jockeys had an unenviable time. Nothing much can be said regarding the race, as Distant View got in front and remained there to the end. Oracle (Mr. Needa) was second, and First Love (Mr. Liang) third.

Fleetwing (Mr. Poy) scored a fine win in the Austral Black Rock Stakes (From the 2 Mile Post). At one stage it looked as if the finish would see a good fight between Fleetwing, Starlight (Mr. Moller) and Mountain View (Mr. H. C. Pih), but the first named proved the strongest.

Distant View (Mr. Pih) scored its third consecutive win by carrying off the Chater Cup without being exerted. In the Austral Racing Stakes (1 1/4 miles) Mr. Black came into the picture with a grand win on Colooma, beating Oracle and Nomine Poenae, which were strongly supported. The race was actually won before the home stretch, when Mr. Black sent Colooma out in front, stealing a march on the others. Mr. Needa made a determined effort on Oracle, but his effort was of no avail.

March Warbler (Mr. Black) won the Austral Hopeful Stakes (1 3/4 miles), and ridden strongly by Mr. Moller, Starlight carried off the Austral Grand Stand Stakes.

Heralded as an outstanding pony, Gloaming, belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, failed badly over the first four days of racing, but it won the Yarra Stakes for non-winners most convincingly on the last day.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS

This was the outstanding event of the racing carnival, with this year's griffins fighting out the issue against the old subscription ponies.

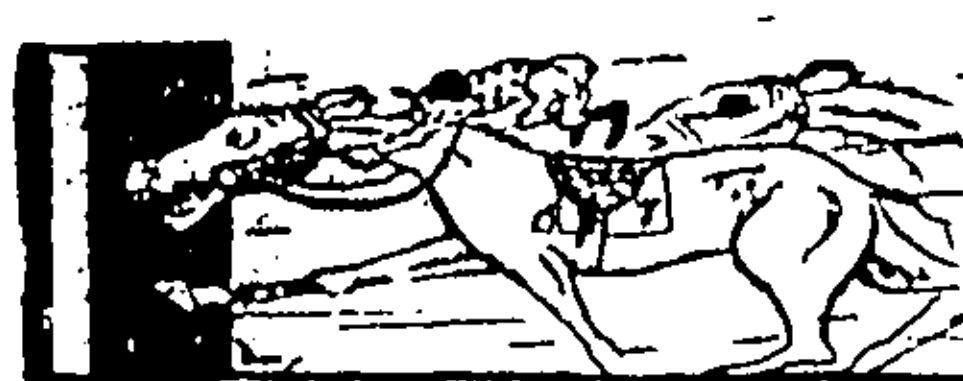
After the easy manner in which Distant View (Mr. H. C. Pih) had won its three races, it was expected that it would give Sapper a real battle royal, but Sapper once again proved its undoubted superiority. Distant View adopted the tactics of running away at the start, and at one stage it was leading by several lengths.

Not appearing to be unduly worried, Mr. Davis kept Sapper behind, and he started to overhaul Distant View going up the incline. In the straight, Sapper experienced no difficulty in getting ahead, and once in front, the race was over.

OLD CHINA PONIES

Old China ponies opened the Annual Race Meeting's programme with a long-distance event over 1 1/2 miles, in which the Challenge Cup was involved. This was won last year by Clie's representative, Navylight, but expectations of this Cup going to Shanghai for good failed to materialise.

Mr. T. K. Li sent out O-Lan, ridden by Mr. Needa, and Confusion Bay, with Mr. H. C. Pih up, the latter commanding the most support. The race itself was quite interesting, with Confusion Bay and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) making the running, while Mr.



Needa was content to keep O-Lan right behind.

Coming into the straight, O-Lan issued its challenge, and once in front there was nothing to stop it from winning by two lengths, whilst Eve of Harvest and Burford indulged in a spirited fight, the former just securing the verdict for second position.

Navylight ran disappointingly in the Challenge Cup, but revealed its true form on the second day when it won the Fochow Cup (1 1/4 miles), beating Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) and Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa).

A GRAND FINISH

This race provided a grand finish, with the result in doubt right up to the end. In my opinion, Navylight's win was due to a great extent to the determined manner in which Mr. Moller handled his mount.

Racylight (Mr. F. Noodt) and Dupont Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen) took the lead, with Eve of Harvest, Navylight, Confusion Bay following in the order named. A hundred yards from the winning post, it looked as if Eve of Harvest would win, but Navylight gradually crept forward, and over the last few strides managed to overhaul the Eve pony to win by a head.

Then came the Champions, which resulted in a complete reversal of form. O-Lan (Mr. Needa) was made firm favourite but Confusion Bay also received strong support, probably because it was being ridden by Mr. Black, who has had past experience in handling this pony.

Racylight (Mr. Noodt) ran off with a commanding lead, but the others were not unduly worried, and after passing the Rock, it was reduced gradually.

On the other hand, Mr. Needa was content to keep O-Lan trailing in the rear, and its finish over the last quarter mile was indeed most disappointing.

In the meantime, Confusion Bay had asserted itself and after passing Racylight, its win was assured, with Navylight (Mr. Moller) taking second position. In its belated challenge O-Lan occupied third place.

Once again, Confusion Bay proved itself the best among the old China ponies, and on its Champions form, it will be hard to beat.

To Racylight, ridden by Mr. Noodt, fell the honour of the highest win dividend of the Meeting—\$171.20. This was in the Victoria Stakes, over one mile, when both Spiclight and Eve of Harvest carried most support. Racylight jumped into the lead from the very start, and it was never overhauled at any stage of the race.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS

In races confined to the new Australian subscription griffins, three upsets featured the first day. United Express (ridden by Mr. Ip Kui-ying) won the first section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes (six furlongs) in an effortless manner, but in the other two sections, Black Seal (Mr. Chao) and Vitamin M (Mr. Black) disappointed.

In the second division, Black Seal and A Surprising Time (Mr. Holden) had a grand fight, but when it appeared as if Black Seal was going to win, Amulet Star (Mr. Craven) came through with a great burst of speed snatching a grand win over the last length.

In the third section, Vitamin M (Noodt) and Bendemeer (Mr. Needa) were made favourites, but National Welfare (Mr. Tao) sprang a surprise on both. Happy Returns (Mr. Wei) very nearly caused an upset as it was only backed to the extent of 100 win tickets.

In the Australian Valley Stakes (1 mile) Manhattan won fairly easily, with Jus Gentium (Mr. Sokoloff) taking second place. Moonlight (ridden by Mr. F. Noodt) and Bendemeer (Mr. Needa) won the Perth Plate (1/2

mile), first and second sections, respectively.

Repeating its grand win in the Sydney Maidens the previous day, United Express had an easy passage in the Governor's Cup (one mile).

Dutch Treat (Mr. Botelho) and Black Seal (Chao) provided spectators with a thrilling finish for the Garrison Cup, a short head separating them at the end.

Black Seal was very strongly supported, and over the last few lengths it was actually leading, but somehow Mr. Botelho got a little bit of extra response from his mount, and it shot forward just in time.

On the first day, Santa-Anita failed, but later it gave a grand performance by winning the Lusitano Cup (1 1/4 miles), with S. C. Liang up, despite a bad start.

By the time the winning post was reached for the first time, Santa-Anita was several lengths behind, but the pony had no difficulty in catching up and once in the lead it was a sure winner, although King's Flight (Mr. Needa) challenged it towards the end.

King's Flight (Mr. Needa) came into the lime-light by winning the Albany Stakes (1 1/4 miles), and, ridden by Mr. Chao, Happy Returns inflicted a defeat on Santa-Anita in the Royal Navy Cup.

Mr. Liang on Santa-Anita found his passage blocked at a vital stage, but had he issued his challenge a little earlier, the result might have been different.

THE ROOTY HILL DERBY

Prior to the commencement of The Rooty-Hill Derby, on which the Big Dollar Sweep depended, the stands presented a most animated appearance, with all available space taxed to the utmost limit.

Interest was at fever height when the ponies were led out, and according to the trend of betting, it appeared as if the result was between United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), Endeavour (Mr. Moller) and Manhattan (Mr. Hearne).

The last named ran convincingly over the first mile, but after that, it simply faded out of the picture.

On the rise of the barrier, Mr. Ip took United Express out in front, and this strategy on his part proved most successful. United Express continued on, and it was not until going up the incline for the second time that Endeavour tried to force the pace.

United Express refused to give way, and coming into the straight was still leading. Try as he did, Mr. Moller could not get any more response out of Endeavour, and United Express reached home a worthy winner.

In the Blue Mountains Plate (first section) over one mile, Endeavour fully justified the confidence which it received, but it had to run strongly in order to beat Mainsail (Mr. S. L. Yuen), with A Surprising Time (Mr. Black) taking third place.

Never-Never ridden by Mr. Black scored a meritorious win in the Warrego Plate (two miles). Coming into the straight for the second time, Mr. Liang, on Santa-Anita, thought he had the race won, but Never-Never came out of the blue, and once it assumed the lead, there was nothing Mr. Liang could do to avert defeat.

During the four days of racing, Mr. Sokoloff was placed several times on Australian ponies, and he secured a well merited win in the Blue Mountains Plate (second section), on the fourth day when he piloted Lex Fori home to beat Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne).

United Express proved itself the best among this year's lot of new Australian Subscription Griffins, winning every race in which it ran.

Whilst receding some challenge from Endeavour in the Rooty-Hill Derby, United Express met with practically no opposition in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, both of which it won without being extended.

I believe United Express is the only pony capable of giving Sapper a good fight, and when they do clash it will be a race worth watching.

DEPLETED ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM DEFEAT CYCLONES EASILY

Razack Hits Only Home Run Of Dull Game

Filipinos Shut Out By Mohawks

By "Grandstand"

FIELDING A DEPLETED TEAM, St. Joseph's humiliated "Sunburn" Omar's Cyclones, in the Senior League opener, to retain their League leadership.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Playing Position

BY BEST BALL

Beginning golfers are often unable to determine precisely just what constitutes a proper back swing in golf. They may have some idea of how the club should be taken back but the precise functions of the arms and body and the co-ordination between the two is not clear. For example, in the illustration to the left the player is shown with the club half way up in the backstroke yet no apparent body turn has accompanied this arm movement. Consequently, the swing will not only be lacking in power but that forward movement of the clubhead close to the ground, which can only come when the body is moving forward with the stroke.

By having the player break his wrists while standing in his natural address position, until the club is nearly vertical to the ground, then turning his body to the right, one gains the proper position for this point in the backstroke. Hands, wrists and arms remain as they were and by breaking the wrists still more the club may be lifted over the right shoulder. The final position is similar to that used in playing a full shot. Naturally such a method is not suitable for actual play but merely serves to enlighten the golfer on backswing fundamentals.

Next Article: — Strokes of Green.

Frankie "Bachful" Gonsales worked on the mound for the victors, and only walked one, whiffing none, being content to toss them over trusting to his fielders. Of the five safeties collected off him, Cyclone handsnatcher Razack connected for the only Cyclone extra-base clout, when left-gardener Jindoo Hussain misjudged his hoist to left.

"Kelly" Silva-Netto chucked for the losers and was nicked for six safeties, but walked none and fanned two. The Cyclone's lone tally was chalked up when Hussain heaved a wild one from left to allow Razack to score from second.

Setting down Cyclones in one-two-three order in the initial frame, the Collegians chalked up their first marker to break into the score column on a single and two bobbles.

In the next frame, Saints threatened again, when Hussain smacked hurler Silva-Netto's first offering for a stinging single to short-centre, but he was caught sneaking second.

Frankie Gonsales fanned the breeze for the next eraure, while Henry Ali fled out for no gain in score. For the next two stanzas, Cyclones were blanked, missing their chance when they had ducks in the pond, but short-step Rum-uhm bunted into a double play with a pop fly. Two clusters of runs in the third and fourth, consolidated the Collegian lead, which was never in danger.

Cyclones Score

Cyclones broke the string of horse-collars which decorated their score column, when Razack crossed the pan on a miscue.

In the last three sessions, Cyclones were shut-out, as twirler Frankie Gonsales chucked no-hit ball.

The longest hit of the day was made by Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, who slashed a three-bagger to right, whilst Skelly Razack connected for the only other extra-base clout with a double.

Chinese Baseballers subdued Canadian Chinese by 8-2 behind Den Crary's three-hitter. Crary went the route for the Liumen fanning five, but passed seven Canucks to first; Geegee Lee, on the mound for the Maple Leafs, whiffed two and walked one. Extra base clouts were made by Crary and Mar, both of whom were good for doubles.

In the night-cap, Mohawks white-washed Filipinos 19-0 in a batting spree, in which every Waggonerman connected for a hit, which included two-baggers by "Doc" Molthen, Pete Fitch, Johnnie Schaberg, Cy Jones and Hank Sperry.

The Islanders started well, holding the Waggonermen to a lone tally, but the Mohawks produced a splurge of six markers in the next frame on three blows, to take a flying start.

Another cluster of seven counters on five safeties in the sixth stanza put finish to the game.

Filipino hurler Amper was nicked for 11 safeties, passed one and fanned one, whilst Mohawk chucker, Cy "Screwball" Jones tossed a three-hitter, whiffed three and issued free transportation to first to two Islanders.

FANLING HUNT TO-DAY

The meet of the Fanling Hunt to-day will be at the Sheungshui cross-roads.

The meet on Sunday will be at the Hunters' Arms, and Mr. H. C. Macnamara will be at ston.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	10	2	.833
Hong Kong Baseballers	10	3	.769
Indians	10	3	.769
Recreio Aces	6	5	.545
Cyclones	7	6	.538
Chinese Baseballers	4	7	.363
Filipinos	2	10	.167
Canadian Chinese	0	12	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.900
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Wahoos	9	4	.692
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblertettes	4	10	.286
Chung Hwa	1	13	.071
Little Flowers	1	13	.071

INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	5	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco Oilers	4	2	.667
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	5	.000

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division League Badminton programme and some teams:—

V. R. C. v. J. R. C.
King's v. Recreio
K. C. C. v. St. John's
Police v. St. Andrew's

Following are the teams:—
KING'S—S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; H. T. Woo and K. L. Luk; K. J. Atwell and K. H. Lo.
ST. JOHN'S—H. Bardsley and D. Kwok; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson.

RECREIO—A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira; E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho; E. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha.
K.C.C.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones; A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann.
V.R.C.—D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-jahn; A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares; F. Castro and A. A. Remedios.
J.R.C.—J. Odell and M. Talan; A. R. Pollak and L. Landau; S. Ramler and B. Godkin.

LITTLE FLOWERS BEATEN DESPITE IMPROVED FORM

By "Grandstand"

RECREIO RAMBLERETTES completed their League fixtures by handing out a 21-9 defeat to Little Flowers in a six-inning fracas, and took things easy right from the start, scoring in every inning on a total of eight safeties, whilst the losers displayed one of their best performances to date featured by headier base-running. Gerry Jorge toed the rubber for the Recs. for five frames, fanning three and walking eight, after which third-sacker Lolly Rodrigues took over the pitching duties.

ARMY CROSS COUNTRY RUN

The Hong Kong Area Sports Board held its annual cross-country run yesterday, starting from the Polo ground, Boundary Street. For the first time separate races for Indian and European troops were held, resulting in a win for Hong Kong-Singapore Artillery, in the former and Middlesex in the latter.

Pte. Manson (Royal Scots) was first home in the race for European units, taking 37 mins. 27 secs. over the course. Cpl. Hobson and L/Cpl. Dunne, both of Middlesex, were second and third, respectively, Hobson's time being 37.31. Cpl. Truscott and Signm Lithauer, both of Signals, were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Middlesex won the team event, 12 runners of 15 reaching home in the following order: Cpl. Hobson (2), L/Cpl. Dunne (3), Pte. Coomer (6), Dmr. Merton (7), Pte. Hughes (8), Pte. Sturgess (10), Dmr. Onslow (13), P. S. M. Ure (15), Pte. Henderson (18), Pte. Macev (24), Pte. Baker (26), Pte. Robertson (27), totalling 181 points, the lowest ever recorded by a European unit and the first time a European line regiment has been awarded the senior trophy.

Royal Scots were second in the team event, and other units finishing in their respective order were Combined Small Units, Royal Engineers (European and Chinese Sappers), and Royal Ar-

Florinha chucker Lily Rozario went the route and issued one free pass to first. The lone twin killing was made by Campos to Silva to snuff Florinha Nydia Osmond and Inez Soares in the second.

The longest clout was made by Ding Lopes with a triple, chasing in one whilst Redbird Betty Fitzgerald, who was roped in to make up the Florinha team banged out a double, with ducks in the pond.

Canadian Chinese knotted up the League lead once more by blanking Chung Hwa lasses 11-0. Mary Ng toiled on the slab for the Canuckettes and whiffed seven, whilst Chung Hwa moundsman Funghee Law fanned three.

Both hurlers walked three apiece. Both Canuckettes Rene Yuen and Mark Ng had perfect days with the stick, connecting safely every time in four and three batting chances respectively, but the former included two trips.

Two Good Puts

Rosie Louie and Dot Louie were also good for three-baggers, whilst Ulian Khoo connected for a two-bagger. Two double plays featured the Maple Leaf two-error fielding: wnen Ng and Ma erased Lily Cheung and Lily Siu, and Rosie Louie and Ulian Khoo accounted for D. Chung and Irene Lee.

The other twin killing was made by Chung Hwa ballhawks, Nellie Lee and Irene Lee to retire Wong and Mavis Chang.

tillery. Mrs. McLeod, wife of Brigadier McLeod, presented the trophies and individual prizes.

OPINION ON GOLF

It is reported that a Yorkshire bowler, "fan" was persuaded to try his hand at golf. When they asked him after the game how he liked it, he replied: "It'll never last." "Last?" his friends exclaimed in surprise. "Why, there are golf courses all over the country."

"I don't care," commented the bowler expert. "It can't last. Why, when I was at fourth hole tother day, I was a mile an' a half from 'bar'!"

QUEEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The annual athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held on Saturday, March 15, on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

SPECIAL HONOURS LIST FOR LIBYA'S CONQUERORS

G.C.B.s For General Wavell And Adm. Cunningham

CIVILIAN V.C. FOR R.N.V.R. OFFICER

The George Cross (the civilian Victoria Cross), for great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty, has been awarded to Temporary Lt. Harold Reginald Newgass, R.N.V.R., it was stated in the London "Gazette" last night. No details are given. — Reuter.

133,295 PRISONERS

The British took more than 133,295 prisoners during the 62 days of the Libyan campaign.

This may be compared with the 130,476 Germans which the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War.

Guns captured from the Italians in Cyrenaica total well over 1,200. — Reuter.

Several New Knights Among Commanders

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD Wavell and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham have been made Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, it was announced in the London "Gazette" last night.

Major-General Richard Nugent O'Connor became Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Murray Longmore becomes Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

All the honours are awarded "in recognition of the recent successful combined operations in the Middle East."

Admiral Cunningham was engaged in much of the work of preparation for the Middle East operations.

Air Commodore Raymond Colishaw becomes Commander of the Bath.

New Knights

Lt-Gen. Wilson becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Knights Commander of the same Order are Major-Gen. Beresford-Pearse, Colonel (temporary Major-Gen) O'Moore Creagh, and Major-Gen. I. G. Mackay, of the Australian Imperial Forces. — Reuter.

GEN. SMUTS ARRIVES IN NAIROBI

General Smuts, the South African Premier, arrived in Nairobi yesterday.

General Smuts was met by Lt-Gen. Alan Cunningham, G.O.C. Italian Somaliland front, brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival. — Reuter.

HAVEN'T WE HEARD THIS ONE BEFORE?

A WILHELMSTRASSE OFFICIAL STATED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY THAT "THE DISPATCH OF GERMAN TROOPS TO BULGARIA WAS OCCASIONED BY EVIDENCE IN GERMANY'S POSSESSION ABOUT BRITISH PLANS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE."

"The German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs."

"For such a task troops must be suitably equipped but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task." — Reuter.

CRISIS FACING U.S.

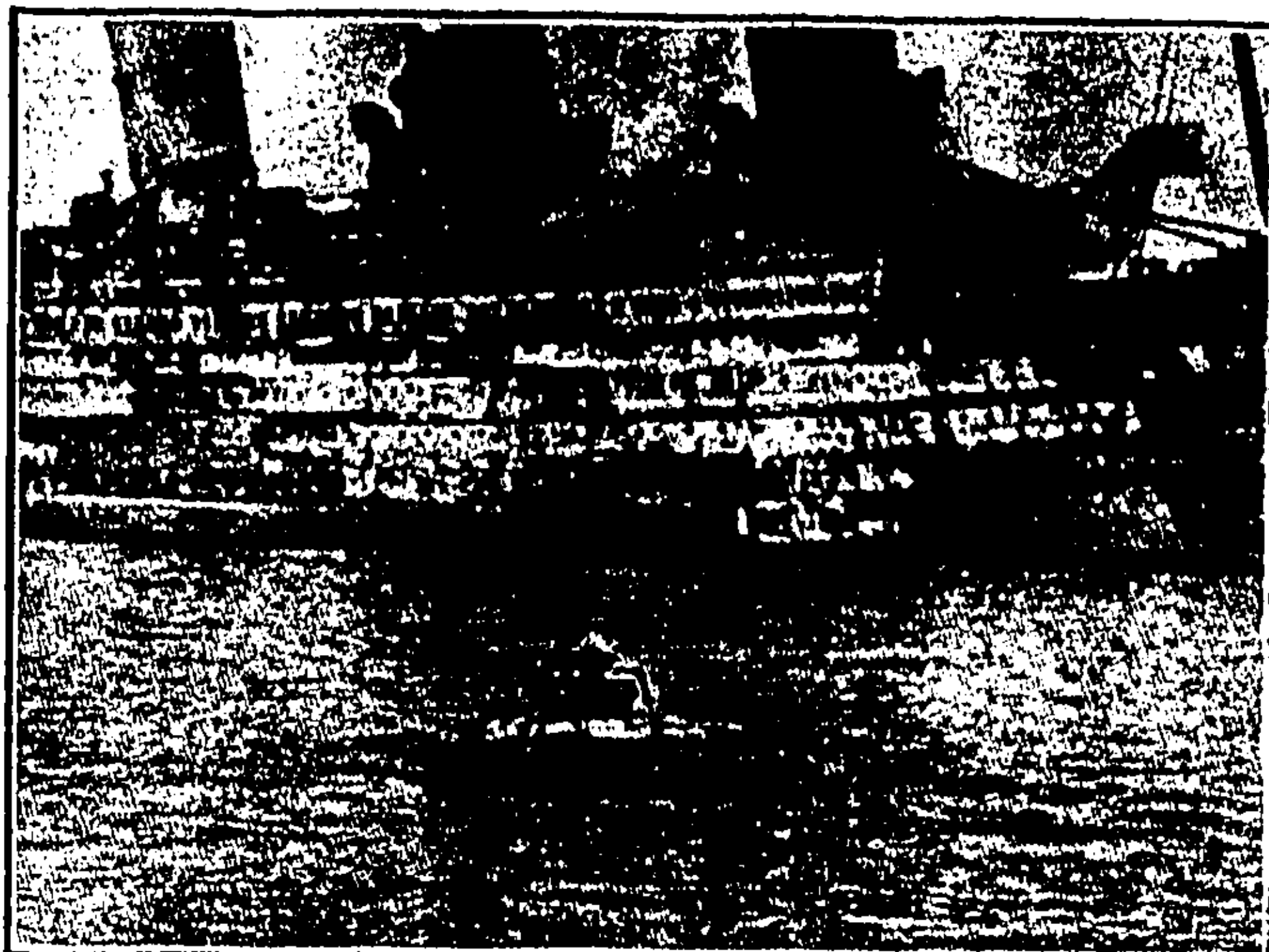
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, SAID THE CRISIS NOW FACED BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN SOME WAYS FAR MORE SERIOUS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY THAN THAT EIGHT YEARS AGO.

The President was beginning an unprecedented ninth year at the White House, Inauguration Day being March 4 eight years ago.

The President added that the crisis now was of a different kind — international instead of domestic. — Reuter.

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CHUNGKING OFFICIAL ABDUCTED

The President of the Second Branch of the Kiangsu High Court in the International Settlement of Shanghai and the legal adviser of Chungking's Central Bank of China, Mr. Hsu Wei-chen, was kidnapped, probably by Nanking elements, last night. — Reuter.

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EFFORT TO CLEAR FAREAST AIR

For the second time in a fortnight Mr. Winston Churchill last night received Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador.

FOLLOWING THEIR 30-MINUTES' CONVERSATION IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS THAT THE TALK GREATLY CLARIFIED THE AIR AND HAS REVEALED THAT GENERAL PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST ARE RESPONSIVE TO UNDERSTANDING TREATMENT. LEARNS REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Shigemitsu handed Mr. Churchill a communication from Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr. Churchill to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr. Matsuoka has now sent a response to Mr. Churchill's observations.

The conversations yesterday were therefore a continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY BATTLE IN ALBANIA

Intense artillery action on the Albanian front was reported by Athens radio yesterday.

An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.—Reuter.

VIOLENT NAZI RAID DEFEATED

AN ATTEMPTED HEAVY GERMAN AIR RAID ON A SOUTH WALES TOWN LAST NIGHT WAS FOILED BY FIRE-BOMB FIGHTERS WHO DEALT WITH NUMEROUS INCENDIARY BOMBS SO PROMPTLY THAT AFTER SOME HOURS OF CONSIDERABLE ENEMY ACTIVITY NO SERIOUS ATTACK DEVELOPED.

Flares and thousands of incendiaries were dropped but up to late hour there were no important fires and no reports of high explosive bombs.

London had a slight attack which ended before midnight. Anti-aircraft fire was augmented by the fire of naval guns.

NAZIS REPORT BRITISH BREAK WITH BULGARIA

The German radio announced last night that diplomatic relations between Britain and Bulgaria have been severed.

The British Minister, Mr. George Rendel, was reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements for his departure are made.—Reuter.

Japan's Oceania Claims

The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, last week, in which he was reported as stating that "the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics," has provoked a long statement from the Domei news agency.

The agency says the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr. Matsuoka's speech.

It also says that Mr. Matsuoka's actual words were: "It is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races a chance to emigrate to and develop Oceania at least."—Reuter.

Speculation In London

THE IMPORTANT STATEMENT BROADCAST FROM MOSCOW IN REGARD TO THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA HAS GIVEN RISE TO MUCH COMMENT IN DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN LONDON, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

There is nothing, however, to suggest it means more than it says, namely, that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to the preservation of peace.

Consequently the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in the prosecution of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives a contradiction to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech at Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, reaffirmed his resolve to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

Not Mollified

This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Ribbentrop in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

Significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned.

Nazis Blamed

It is clear that an opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

BY IMPLICATION, BLAME FOR THE SPREAD OF THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN PUT ON THE GERMANS' SHOULDERS, AS THE STATEMENT CLEARLY IMPLIES THAT THE OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA IS AN EXTENSION OF OPERATIONS.—REUTER.

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JAPAN ASKS FOR FINAL REPLY

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is reported to have asked Vichy to give a final reply to the Japanese mediation proposals by noon to-day.

The truce in the frontier war between Thai and Indo-China ends on Friday.

MR. MATSUOKA'S REQUEST, IT IS STATED, WAS MADE WHEN HE SAW LAST NIGHT M. ARSENE HENRI, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

M. Henri is stated to have been non-committal in attitude towards the plan which previously was reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.—Reuter.

Norwegians. THE BRITISH VESSELS, IT IS STATED, LEFT NORWEGIAN WATERS AFTER A SHORT STAY.

No official statement on the report is so far available in London.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

AMERICAN EXPERT IN LONDON AFTER WIDE FACT-FINDING TOUR

MARCOVITCH JOURNEY DENIED

A report circulated abroad, to the effect that the Yugoslav Foreign Minister has gone to Germany, was denied in the Wilhelmstrasse, according to a statement issued by the German official news agency yesterday, says Reuter.

Raid On Calais

A small force of British Coastal Command aircraft successfully attacked docks and railway sidings at Calais on Monday night, says the Air Ministry.

Yesterday, an aircraft of the Coastal Command while on patrol attacked an aerodrome near Brest and shot down an enemy fighter.

Confirmation was also received yesterday of the destruction of four enemy aircraft in recent operations.

A bomber crashed off the Devon coast on Monday, and two were shot down during the night, one by anti-aircraft fire at Cardiff and the other by British fighters over an aerodrome in northern France.

A fourth (a fighter) was shot down by a bomber over Germany. — Reuter.

ALLEGED THREATS BY A.R.P. WARDEN

That an A.R.P. warden threatened to take out a summons against a civilian unless he paid "tea money" was the allegation made before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Wong Kam-chuen, 36, member of the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens, was charged with demanding money with menaces.

The case was fixed for hearing on Friday.

Detective-Sergeant Baldwin alleged that last Thursday, following the "black-out" exercises, defendant approached Au Sik, manager of the Chung Wah Band, and told him that the lights in his premises had not been properly screened during the exercises.

Defendant, it was alleged, threatened to take out a summons unless \$9 "tea money" was forthcoming.

Complainant arranged to pay the following day in a tea-house, but informed the police and a trap was set.

Accused was arrested in the tea-house by a Chinese detective.

Mr. F. H. Loseby will appear for defendant, who was allowed bail of \$250.

WITH THE unique experience of having in little more than two months studied the war situation on all fronts and discussed current political, military and economic problems with statesmen, soldiers, sailors, airmen and other experts in 14 countries, Col. Donovan is now in London preparing for his return within the next few days to the United States, where he will report to Col. Knox.

Col. Donovan began his tour on December 26 and in the interval has had ample opportunity of examining the political, economic and strategic position in the Mediterranean, which was one of the prime objects of his visit to Europe.

Mediterranean problems have in the past attracted but relatively little attention in America, where wider questions affecting the two oceans which wash the shores of the United States have been the main preoccupation.

Col. Donovan's inquiries have in a large part been directed to an investigation of the impact of Mediterranean problems on those of the Atlantic and, indirectly, on the Pacific.

He began this inquiry with an exhaustive study of the defences of Gibraltar, where he also discussed with Admiral Somerville the more general aspects of the whole subject.

War Experience

Apart from his own experiences as a soldier in the last war, Col. Donovan has visited battle fronts on other occasions and he saw the Abyssinian war from the Italian side and the Spanish Civil War from the side of General Franco.

During his present tour extensive visits have been made along North Africa and he was at Bardia shortly after its fall.

He was in Tobruk at Australian Army Headquarters when plans for what proved to be a further victorious advance were being developed.

In Egypt he had long conversations with General Wavell, Sir Arthur Longmore and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

Greek Talks

In Greece he met political leaders and visited army commanders at the front where, it is understood, the high morale and frugal conditions under which all ranks of their hardy troops are operating made a deep impression on the visitor.

Col. Donovan, who has a reputation for great mastery of details, was able during his brief visits to Sofia and Belgrade, to appreciate some of the difficulties which will confront the Nazis in their Balkan adventure.

In Turkey he had conversations not only with Turkish military and political chiefs but with some of the British staff officers who were there for consultations last month.

Syria Rejection

He had planned to pass through Syria on his return to Egypt but on orders from Vichy he was turned back at the frontier and flew to Cairo via Palestine.

While in Cairo on this occasion Col. Donovan discussed the situation with Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill.

A flying visit was paid to Baghdad where, among others, Col. Donovan met the Mufti.

On his return via Malta to the western Mediterranean he visited Madrid and had a long talk with Senor Suner and Lisbon where he met Dr. Salazar.

During his 10,000 miles tour Col. Donovan has collected an immense amount of material upon which his report, which will, no doubt, reach President Roosevelt after it has been studied by Colonel Knox, will be based. — British Wireless.

CREATING AN INDIAN AIR FORCE

"How young Indians from civil life are being trained as ground personnel for the Indian Air Force, was shown me when I visited the school of air force technical training at Amballa," writes Reuter's special correspondent.

There are several hundred airmen under training, recruited from all over India, including all castes and creeds.

The school covers an extraordinary variety of training and only men with extremely good educational qualifications are accepted.

The basic training course, including instruction in the duties of flight mechanic, flight fitter, carpenter, electrician, wireless operator, photographer and many others, lasts for six months, after which the airmen qualifies and goes to a unit.

Keen Competition

Owing to the rapidity of the expansion of the Indian Air Force prospects are very good and there is keen competition for enlistment, it being realised that the expert training given will subsequently be invaluable in peacetime.

I visited various workshops where tuition was proceeding, and after seeing for myself how intensely absorbed the recruits were in the work, I felt my guide spoke truly when he paid the spontaneous tribute "All those lads are keen as mustard." — Reuter.

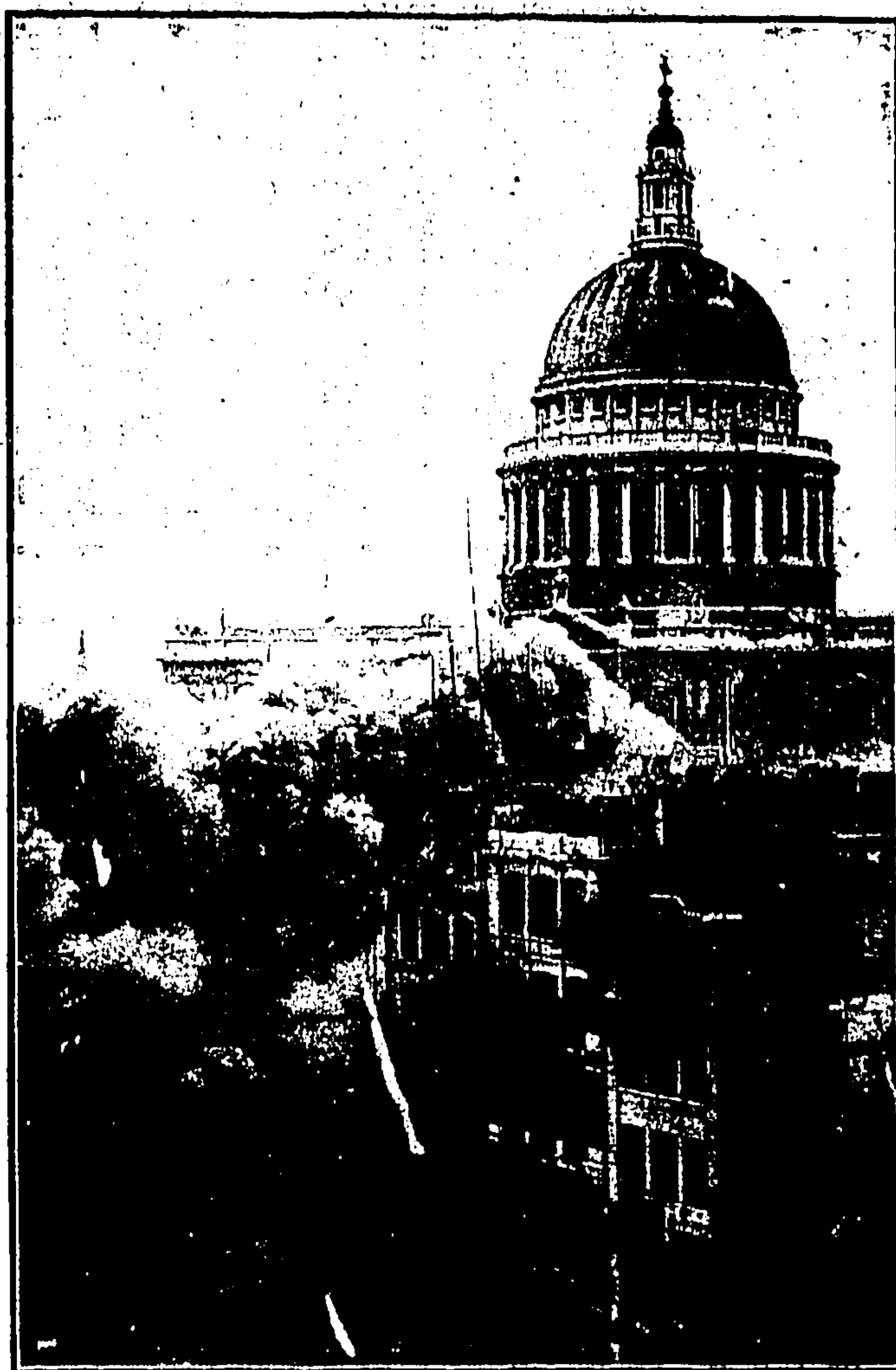
RAIDS BY SOUTH AFRICANS

Raids by the South African Air Force were recorded in a communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The communique says that on Saturday and Sunday South African planes carried out raids in southern Abyssinia.

First a fortified position north of Havello was bombed and the following day a bombing raid was made on positions near Cabatam several direct hits being scored and hostile rifle fire silenced.

Pilots on reconnaissance flights over Italian Somaliland report that natives in the Lugh Ferrardi area were carrying white flags. — Reuter.



Newgate Street was selected for the first dynamiting operations by Royal Engineers in the City. Dangerous walls are being demolished in this way following the "fire blitz." Here is a remarkable picture of the explosion during the dynamiting in Newgate Street, showing St. Paul's Cathedral in background. (Copyright, Fox).

SHARP AIR CLASHES IN THE CORFU AREA

FIVE ENEMY AIRCRAFT were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in the Corfu area on Monday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which states:

"Greece and Albania — a small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu on Monday intercepted Italian Caproni 007's (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot two of them down into the sea.

"A few minutes later the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type which were returning from a raid on Larissa. Three of these aircraft were also shot down.

"Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. also attacked motor transport concentrations in the Tepelini area.

"Italian East Africa — continued support has been given our advancing troops. The fort at Burye has been heavily bombed and enemy positions machine-gunned.

Asmara Raid

"The landing ground at Asmara was machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of a South African squadron and several enemy aircraft damaged.

"On the return journey enemy motor transport near Habi Mantel was attacked and several vehicles set on fire.

"From all these operations our aircraft returned safely." — Reuter.

FIRE SEEKING ARMS IN AMERICA

Mr. Frank Aiken, Eire Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States to-day by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources in Dublin quoted by Reuter.

The first charge was dismissed for lack of evidence, and on the remaining three charges Weatherhead was found guilty and remanded for twenty-one days for medical supervision.

"GHOST" IN BEDROOM

"I begged him to have pity. I said we were only two girls, and asked him what he wanted."

Mrs. Beatrice Lay Southcliffe—who holds the licence of the Crown Hotel, Bath, while her husband is serving in the Forces abroad—told the Bath magistrates that she said this to a man who, shrouded in a white sheet, was alleged to have entered at 2.20 a.m. a bedroom in which she was sleeping with her sister, Miss Elsie E. Double, a solicitor's clerk.

"When I opened the bedroom door I saw a white figure and I thought it was a ghost," she added. "He jumped at me and I fell backwards."

Accused was Leonard Henry Weatherhead, twenty-four, of Redruth, Cornwall, and he was charged with intending to commit an offence against Mrs. Southcliffe, with assaulting her and with stealing a cigarette case.

Used Old Sword

Evidence was that in the struggle in the bedroom the women used a kettle, a toasting fork and an old sword to defend themselves.

Weatherhead, in evidence, said Mrs. Southcliffe's sister asked him where he was going to sleep that night while he was in the bar, and said something about having a spare bedroom.

His only excuse was drink.

MOPPING UP IN SOMALILAND

Forces Advance 170 Miles Beyond Capital

Moving Towards Abyssinian Border

THE BRITISH MAIN ADVANCE IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND, STATED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique continues by saying that subsidiary operations are continuing towards the south-east frontier of Abyssinia where, on March 1, a further 1,000 prisoners were taken.

Iscia Baidoa and Bulmo Buti, the capture of which was officially announced in Nairobi earlier, are both about 170 miles north-west and due north, respectively, of Mogadiscio.

Large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all kinds continue to be discovered and it will take considerable time to assess the amount of captured material.

Total number of prisoners captured is now approaching 10,000, declares a Nairobi communique.

These captures, the communique says, and the destruction of enemy formations on the River Juba, give the lie to the statement by the Italians that Italian Somaliland has been voluntarily evacuated.

Our Casualties

Our casualties since the beginning of this offensive in the whole of East Africa, from Feb. 12 to Feb. 27, are 50 killed, 146 wounded and two missing.

Meanwhile, with the surrender of Kufra Oasis, in southern Libya, yet another holy place has been freed from the Italian invader.

To complete the operations resulting in capture of the oasis, a party of Free French forces marched 500 miles from their desert base.

How To Dispose ?

Contact was originally made with the Italian garrison early in February, and on one occasion an enemy attack was heavily repulsed.

The military spokesman in Cairo told Reuter yesterday: "The only two oases, Kufra and Gera-bue, which might conceivably threaten the Allies, have been put out of action."

"Immediate problem is how to dispose of the thousand prisoners captured and they will possibly be disarmed and left at Kufra."

The Free French authorities have no information about the final assault on Kufra but admit it was taken against vastly superior numbers.—Reuter.

HITLER'S LAST BID IN TURKEY

Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was yesterday received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, states Ankara radio.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for this act of courtesy." "Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview, which took place at the President's castle at Chamkaya, near Ankara."—Reuter.

France's Growing Morale

The New York newspapers yesterday published eye-witness accounts by Americans returning from Europe of the growing resistance to the Nazis in France.

William Mock, a student, declared: "Agitation against the Germans and against Frenchmen cooperating with them, is growing. 'The French put up signs for de Gaulle, Petain and Roosevelt, and the Nazis tear them down.'"

"Laval is well guarded at all times as he fears assassination."

"On December 5 there was a rumour that he had been killed, and the Nazis rounded up all Englishwomen in Paris and put them in concentration camps. 'Ninety per cent of French people believe England will win.'—Reuter.

PLACED UNDER BRITISH MILITARY JURISDICTION

LT-GEN. CUNNINGHAM, G.O.C., British forces in East Africa, yesterday issued a formal proclamation covering the government of the occupied territories.

These territories include all those "formerly ruled, claimed or occupied by the Italian Government in Ethiopia and Somaliland." These have been placed under military jurisdiction.

In the course of the proclamation, Lt-Gen. Cunningham warns that actions against the public peace or the British forces will be punishable by death or by lesser penalties.

It concludes: "All existing laws, customs, rights and properties in the said territory will be fully respected insofar as they are consistent with the proclamation."

"So long as the inhabitants remain peaceable and comply with my orders they will be subjected to no more interference than I consider essential to the performance of my duties. And they need have no fear."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE TO GREECE

An official statement regarding Germany's attitude towards Greece was handed to foreign journalists in Berlin yesterday.

It stated: "Now, as hitherto, diplomatic relations exist between Berlin and Athens but general relations between the two countries can hardly be described as good, since Greece has harnessed herself to British interests."

—Reuter.

N.Z. HOME DEFENCE

INCLUDING THE HOME GUARD AND MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN TRAINING, NEW ZEALAND SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN 100,000 MEN AVAILABLE TO DEFEND HER SHORES IN A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, STATED THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. PETER FRASER, IN A SPEECH IN WELLINGTON YESTERDAY.

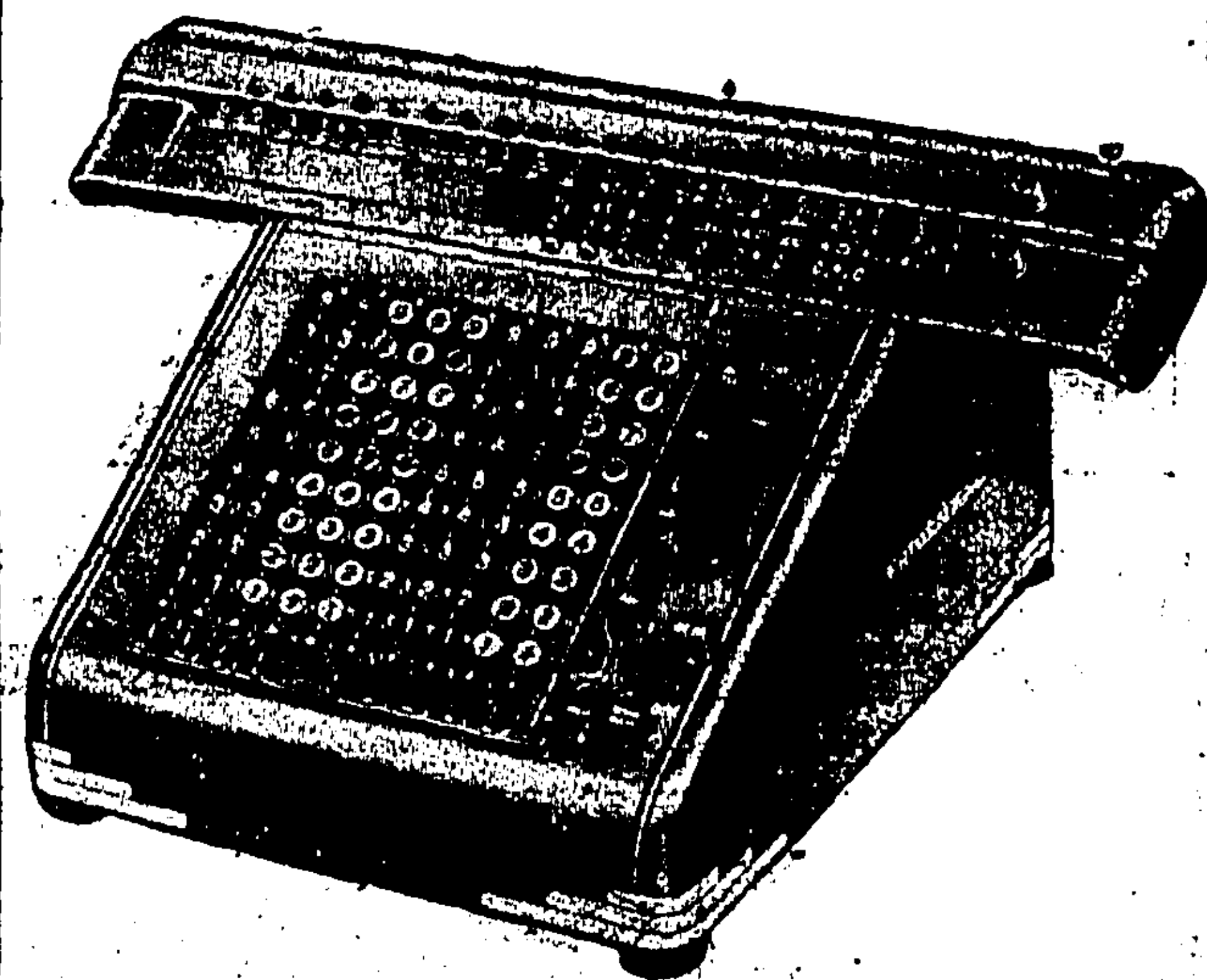
Well over 30,000 New Zealanders, he added, were serving overseas in the three Services and a large proportion of New Zealand's adult population was actively engaged in national war service in one form or another.—Reuter.



The latest fashion in the canine world — "blitzkrieg" shoes for dogs are being made by the Dumb Friends League to protect them from broken glass caused by air raids. Photo shows a dog being fitted with his "walking out" shoes. (Copyright, Fox).

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TREMENDOUS NAVAL EXPANSION OF THE GREAT POWERS

STRIKING EVIDENCE of the ever-growing naval expansion of the great powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet, is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships," published in London yesterday, and which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

Despite wartime censorship and secrecy the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleship, "King George V," in which Lord Halifax went to America, of the new Nazi battleships "Bismarck" and "Tirpitz" and details about other powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets.

A war loss section is included for the first time since 1919, and gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

Britain's losses in big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small vessels, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace.

Britain also lost 36 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

Germany's fleet was reduced by one pocket battleship, the "Graf Spee," four cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

EXCLUDING THE DAMAGE AT TARANTO, ITALY LOST A CRUISER, SEVEN DESTROYERS AND AT LEAST 30 SUBMARINES.

New Battleships
Of the world's new capital ships under construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships, are of at least 35,000 tons, while 20, if not more, are 40,000 tons or over, the latter including four British of the "Lion" class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

The United States has 17 battleships building or on order, and it is suggested that some of these may have the huge displacement of 52,000 tons.

Other items in the American building programme include 12 aircraft-carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

Germany's U-Boats
It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called "Friedrich der Grosse" and "Hindenburg," while reports that the battleships "Bismarck" and "Tirpitz" are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.—Reuter.

VISITORS TO KING

THE KING GAVE AUDIENCES YESTERDAY TO THREE IMPORTANT STATESMEN.

First was General de Gaulle, Leader of Free France. It was the first time the King had received General de Gaulle, though he had met him when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

Second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Col. William Donovan.

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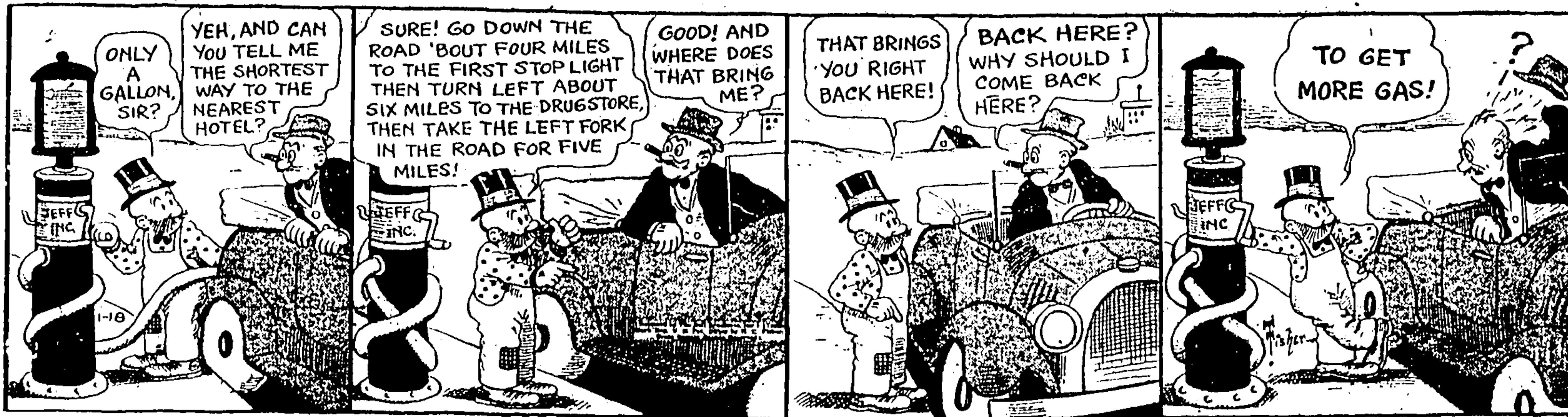
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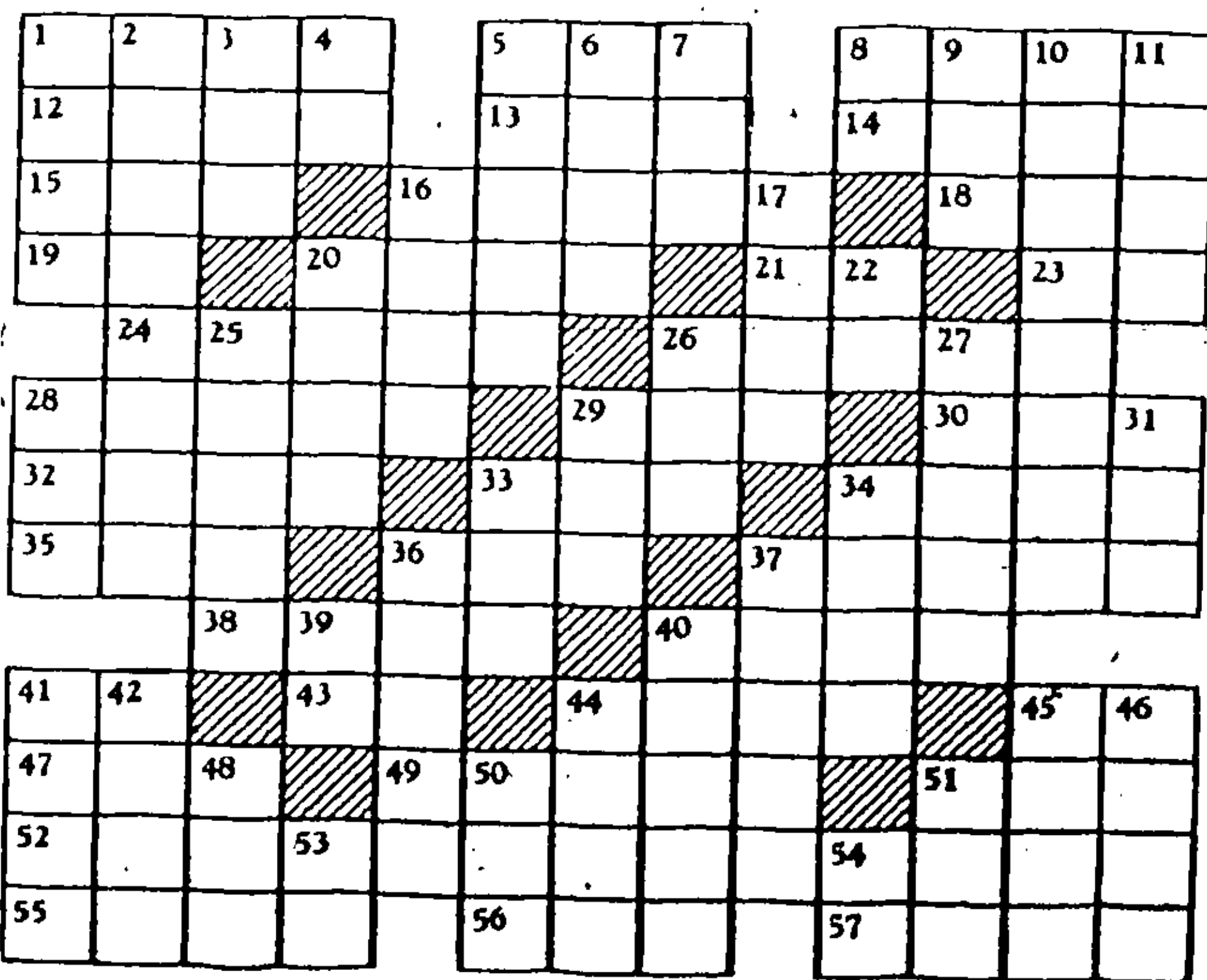
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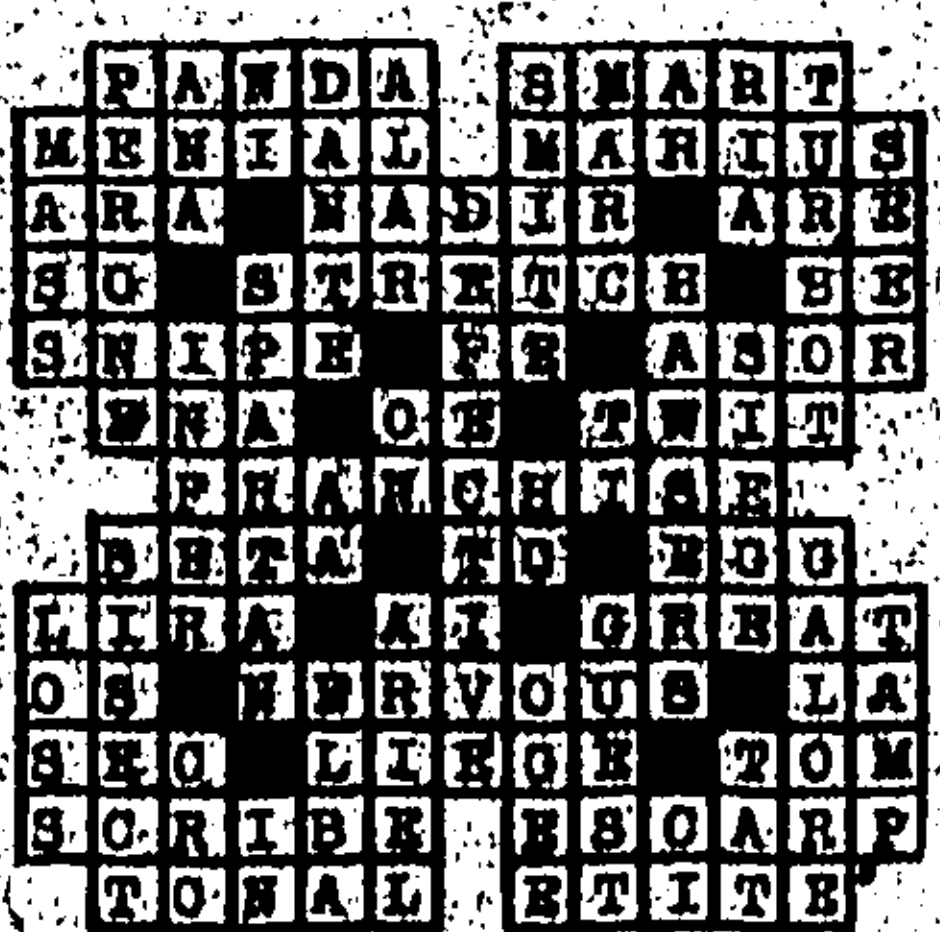
- HORIZONTAL**
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 - Before
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 - Edible mollusk
 - Part of "to be"
 - Stride
 - Babylonian deity
 - Symbol for cerium
 - Compound ether
 - Subsequent to
 - After a while
 - Feline
 - Levantine sailing vessel
 - Entry
 - To batter
 - Highlander
 - Music: three
 - Prohibition
 - Song
 - Cupid
 - To entice
 - Artificial language

- Symbol for actinium
- Heartwood
- What?
- Beverage
- Mohammedan nymph
- Moslem name
- Being at right angles to the plane of the horizon

- VERTICAL**
- Appellation of Athena
 - To saturate
 - First woman
 - Eleven
 - Viper
 - To leak
 - Edible seed

- German for "yes"
- Wine cup
- Prudent
- Great Lake
- Brain passage
- Deserted
- To check
- By
- Metric measure
- Dutch weight
- Growing out
- Illumined
- Is able to
- Insect
- Ethiopian
- River in title
- Arizona
- French slang
- German
- Style of architecture
- Egyptian deity
- City in Italy
- Engrossed
- Butter substitute
- Fop
- Dash
- To engage
- To blunder
- Unit
- Wing
- Colloquial: father
- You and me

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DUKE OF WINDSOR'S THANKS TO U.S.A.

Moved by the experiences of the two British sailors from a torpedoed British steamer, the Duke of Windsor consented to make a broadcast from Nassau.

The Duke and Duchess were guests at the studio when two British sailors, who were found crawling along the beach of one of the islands after spending weeks in an open boat, told their story.

The Duke, in his address, expressed his gratitude to the "open-hearted" people of the United States and the Red Cross for all they are doing for the British people.

The two sailors are Robert Tapscott, of Cardiff, and Roy Widdicombe, of Newport, believed to be the sole survivors of the crew of 42 of a British freighter that sank in the Atlantic after an attack by a Nazi raider.

They drifted 3,000 miles in an open boat for 70 days before being picked up off the Bahamas.

GOT THE COLONEL'S GOAT

(By A Special Correspondent)
Police are trying to find the owner of a beer-drinking billy goat found wandering in Hackney streets.

According to a label on the collar the white goat belongs to Colonel Hitchin, D.S.O., of Hay Hill, London, W.1. But the mansion flats at Hay Hill are now closed up.

Judging by its well-groomed coat, the goat is probably a regimental pet.

Meanwhile, it is being looked after by Mr. Harry Mills, who keeps a stables in Cassland Road, Hackney.

It has become the pet of the whole yard and follows Mr. Mills everywhere—even to the local pub, where it comes in for its nightly half-pint.

"I've never seen an animal like it," Harry Mills told me, "and I have had some queer stray pets brought in by the police—pigs, mules, geese and, once, an elephant."

"But this ere goat fair beats the band. It drinks its beer like a Christian."

The family have become so attached to the goat that Harry thinks that he may keep it as a pet for his daughter Rose instead of selling it to defray his expenses.

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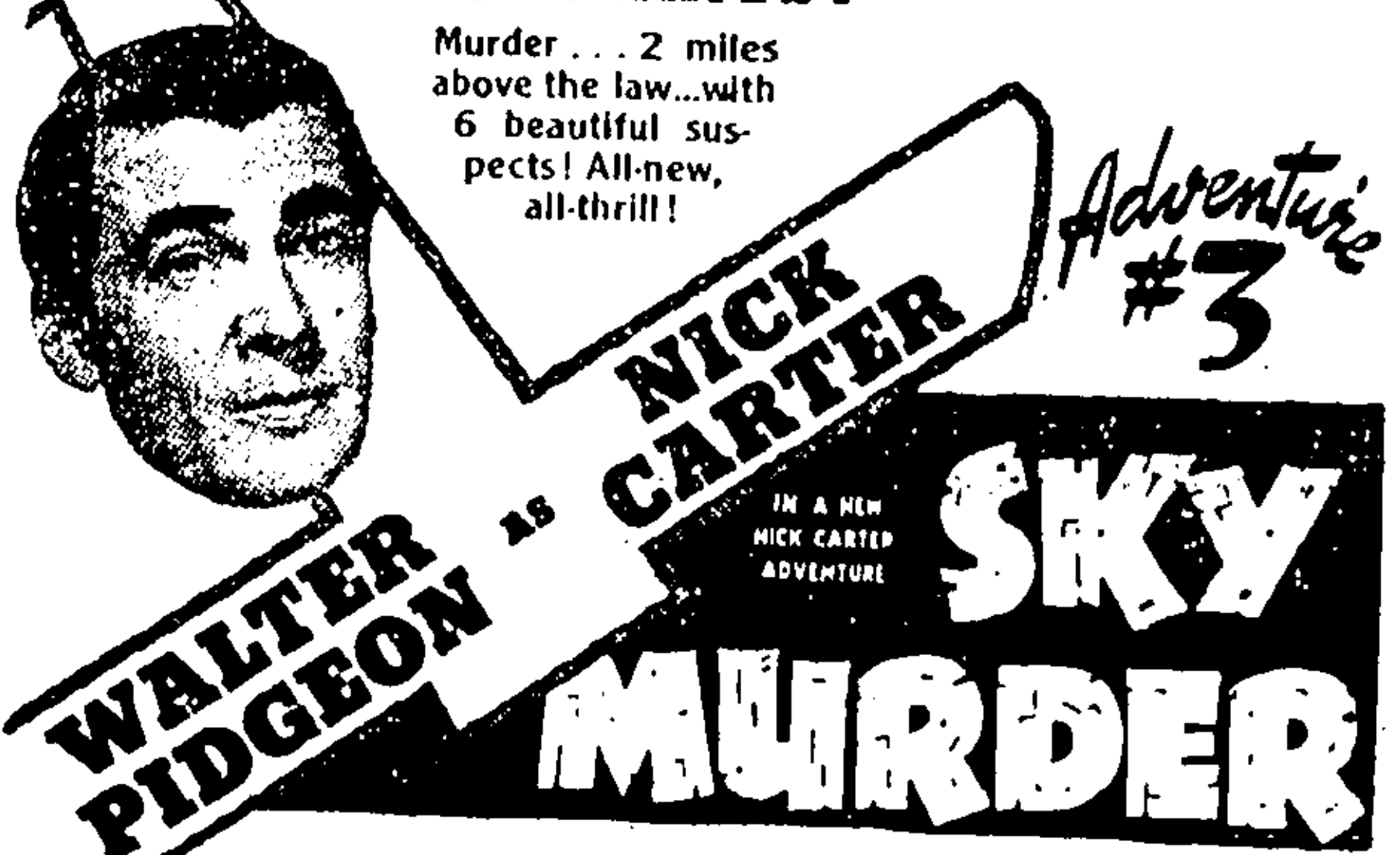
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CORRUPTION RIFE IN NAZI FRANCE

CHAOTIC CONDITIONS prevailing in Nazi occupied territory especially in France where favours and special privileges can be bought — at a price, and where there is an acute shortage of coal due to transportation difficulty, not to mention the strict rationing, are described by a French traveller who recently arrived in Shanghai from Europe.

After exposing the methods of the Gestapo he goes on to say that the situation in Norway is serious with a dearth of dairy products while fishing in the North Sea is now prohibited. An immediate rising of the people is not feasible owing to the lack of arms he said, but large scale sabotage has been going on all the time.

"Money talks in Occupied France. That, in brief, sums up the situation in the occupied territories," he said. Describing the German Army of occupation as largely venal, he said it was no secret that all sorts of favours, privileges, and special exemptions could always be bought—at a price.

To travel from Occupied France to Unoccupied France is difficult, for it is necessary to obtain a special pass and none is given, officially, unless for very good reasons. But, for sums ranging from 1,500 to 3,000 francs for single individuals, it is possible to buy such passes from certain quarters.

He knew of a woman and her two sons who obtained the necessary permits for 20,000 francs. In Paris, German soldiers at night-clubs and cabarets were paying cabaret girls with blank travel passes.

Can Buy Prisoners

The inexplicable detention of two million French prisoners in Germany is keeping their anxious kin in an agony of suspense. It is possible, however, to buy French prisoners out of German camps. He knew of a friend, a lieutenant in the artillery, who was released after five weeks of negotiations for 20,000 francs. The price was a little high because he was a Jew.

The Gestapo are even more corrupt. Far from setting an example, they are more accessible to those with money, although their prices are higher. Contact is established circum-spectly, for obvious reasons, often through telephone girls, most of whom are now Germans, and sometimes through Italians.

Petrol, officially, is strictly rationed, but in August, could also be had for payment. The family mentioned above who travelled to Occupied France was able to obtain enough petrol to drive from Dinard to Vichy, a distance of more than 300 miles. The situation is now probably more difficult, owing to general gasoline shortage.

Private cars cannot operate except with a special permit. In August, there were 17,000 permits for private cars in Occupied France. The number has now been reduced to 7,000. It has become most difficult, even for large sums of money, to buy car permits.

Coal And Food

A serious shortage of coal exists, largely because of lack of transport. Coal is normally hauled in river barges which have now been commandeered for the much-heralded invasion of England.

Rationing is very strict. There is no assurance, however, that one will be able to buy articles even with ration cards. This is especially true with clothing and shoes. Food shortage is noticeable. There is still plenty of bread, although by French standards, it is already much cut down.

Thousands of Germans have entered France. They may be classified generally into three groups:

1. Germans in the Armistice Commission who could be numbered in thousands;
 2. German soldiers on leave, and tourists; and,
 3. Gestapo, also to be counted in the thousands.
- There are not many Italians.

They and the Germans get on very badly together.

The French Air Force is still in existence. It possesses a number of fighters and reconnaissance aircraft. Night flying is not permitted. Each pilot is allowed only ten hours flying a month. No new pilots are being trained.

The French authorities try to move planes from one aerodrome to another in order to confuse the Armistice Commission and give a deceptive idea of the number of planes in commission. This is done on a big scale in North Africa.

Sentiment in Occupied France, according to the traveller, is 95 per cent. pro-British and anti-German. The remaining five per cent. are mercenary, hoping to make something out of dealing with the Germans.

In Unoccupied France, the sentiment is 75 per cent. The rest feel that they must make the best of a bad position and try to come to acceptable terms with Germany.

One of the most striking things about Occupied France is the inefficiency of the administration which is tangled in red tape and riddled with corruption. There is little sign of the thoroughness and efficiency with which the Germans are credited. Conditions vary widely with the personality of the Nazi administrator.

Spain And Norway

The French traveller also was able to give first-hand information of conditions in Spain and Norway.

Spain, he said, has less food than any other occupied country. There is practically no bread and very little rice. The winter has been extremely severe. There is much actual starvation. Little rebuilding is being undertaken.

The food situation in Norway is very serious. No dairy products are obtainable because these formerly came from Denmark. Fishing in the North Sea has been prohibited because of the large number of fishing boats which never returned. Once out of Nazi-controlled waters, the fishing boats sailed straight to England.

ITALIAN BOMB DOES GOOD TURN

Ancient tombs have been discovered near the Siwa oasis, in the Libyan desert, as the result of the explosion of an Italian bomb.

Excavations are to be made around the crater, and further important discoveries are expected to be made.—Reuter.

SAVED HIS GARRISON

His garrison, bombed and shelled, was completely surrounded by the enemy—but Captain Henderson did not lose heart.

He encouraged both European and African soldiers to fight on. Efforts to relieve the fort failed.

But Captain Henderson saved his men. By night he led them through the enemy lines to rejoin British troops five miles from the fort.

This gallantry in Egypt has won the Military Cross for Captain John David Neil Campbell Henderson, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers (attached to the King's African Rifles) it was announced.

Askari Willie, of the King's African Rifles, has won the Military Medal for taking charge of a badly shelled section post in Egypt.

Fought 100 Cars

Captain Geoffrey William Goschen, of the Royal Horse Artillery, is awarded the M. C. for gallantry in Egypt.

For more than an hour his outpost party fought a column of 100 enemy vehicles. Other awards:

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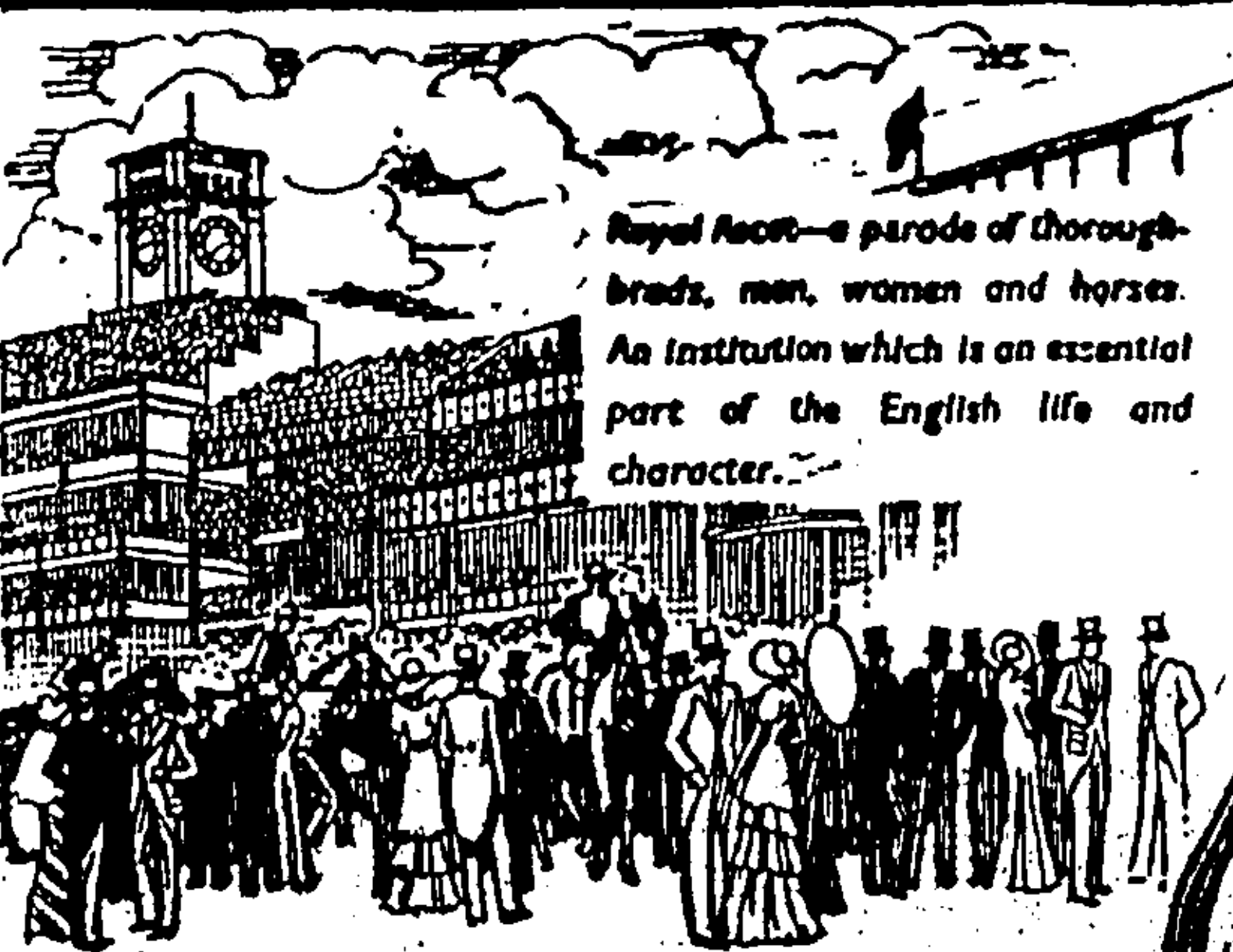


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COMMUNIST FRICTION IN CHINA

Absence of the Communist delegates from the sessions of the People's Political Council in Chungking serves one useful purpose. It exposes what many of the closest sympathisers of Free China have been at pains trying to hide: That the essential points of disagreement between the Government and the Communists go deeper than it has been comfortable to admit. That is not to suggest that the difficulties cannot even yet be ironed out. There is one solid issue on which both Chungking and Yen'an can agree, the vital necessity of continued resistance to Japanese aggression.

Between conflicting arguments from both sides as to the merits of the dispute, there is clear suggestion that the faults, such as they are, do not lie entirely on one side or the other. That in its turn implies the necessity for a spirit of give and take if a happy solution of an unfortunate development is to be found.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek came to a working arrangement with the Communists because he realised that it was only by a supreme united effort that China could hope to resist Japan successfully. There had to be an end to all fratricidal strife. But the price paid for this national unity it is now contended is the danger of Communist influence spreading over an ever-widening area. It is being said, in fact, that the fear of Communist expansion in North China is the most disturbing factor in the mind of the Central Government. But it would be China's greatest tragedy if an irremediable split occurred at this stage in her united front. And nothing would serve Japan's interests better.



IN THE TRUE NAZI TRADITION

"Crusade For Civilisation"

Dr. Esme Wingfield Stratford in his book, "Crusade for Civilisation" (Routledge, 7s. 6d.) shows that present-day "Imperialisms" are the totalitarian nations and that the ambitions of all peoples should be free association by the tie of mutual consent. In comparing a commonwealth to the League of Nations, the author writes:—

"Our world commonwealth of the future must have something more to bind it together than a mere formal constitution like that of the League. It is not even certain that it will need to have a constitution at all. The British Commonwealth gets on well enough, and far better than the League, without anything of the sort, unless we are to speak of the occasional imperial conferences as a sort of token organisation.

"It is, I would submit, an entirely false idea, and one of which the Commonwealth is a standing disproof, that international unity cannot be effected without some sort of super-State machinery, or what our ancestors would have called a social contract. There are even thinkers like Mr. H. G. Wells, of whom one cannot speak without the deepest respect, who will not be content without a world cabinet, with ministers and departments all complete.

"There are others who want to form what they euphemistically term a world police, and will really consist of a polyglot army, or Pretorian guard, with navy and air force attached, which will hold a disarmed world at its mercy, and whose commanders,

they hopefully assume, will be at the permanent beck and call of the League politicians.

"The pros and cons of such schemes may furnish a good enough evening's entertainment for a debating society, or fill out a lively pamphlet, but to wait till one of them—whatever its merits in the abstract—has the remotest chance of materialising, is to wait for the Greek calends. The most of the sort that any practical man will dare to envisage is the putting together again, and perhaps a certain reinforcement, of the broken-down machinery at Geneva.

"This time, perhaps, it may be got to work, given the spirit to work it. But given that spirit, the League, or Commonwealth, may be trusted, at a pinch, to dispense with any machinery at all, and to thrive as a gentleman's agreement between gentlemen. But this time there must be none of the opposite sort to wreck it. Membership must be confined to those who have the objects of the association at heart, and in whose good faith it is reasonably possible to confide.

"My own belief, for what it is worth, is in trusting wholly, or as much as possible, to the team spirit of spontaneous and free cooperation between free peoples. Get on with the good work of civilisation; get into the habit of working together, and having tasted of its benefits, let practice make perfect.

No Ground For Hope

"It was the habit of the Spartans, the Nazis of classical Greece," says Dr. Wingfield Stratford, in his chapter "Whither Germany," "to declare a perpetual state of war on their helots, just as the Germans do, by implication, on Jews, Poles, Czechs, and all such. But are we not coming very close to the same thing, when we argue

that it is not the Nazi regime from which we are fighting to deliver Germany, but that the German people itself is the enemy, and that Hitlerism has to be accepted as the permanent sub-conscious faith and religion of every German, which only force, continuously applied, can prevent from coming to the surface?

"This belief, which would leave no ground for hope except in the extermination or perpetual helotage of the entire German people, is the most suicidal form of propaganda.

"Even those of us who have not yet travelled in Southern or Western Germany, those who are too young to look back to the time when leaders of British culture could look to Germany as a spiritual home, ought to know better than to speak of the countrymen of Goethe, of Beethoven, of Dürer, of Martin Luther, as a species of barbarians and Huns, or as having, within the span of one mortal life, become Prussianised past praying for.

"Our victory will be no victory unless we can confirm it by getting the best part of the German people back for civilisation, instead of repeating our hideous blunder, after the last war, of driving them back into the arms of Prussia. For it was neither original sin nor the love of tyranny for its own sake that made the German feel that Prussia indispensable to him, but simply because he had come to feel that nothing but the iron of Prussian discipline, entering his soul, could save him from remaining what he had been for centuries, the hopeless victim of his own incapacity to combine.

Proved Failure Of The Tyrant

"Now that he has had experience, in his own daily life, of a tyranny more crushing and merciful

less than that of any foreign occupation, is it too much to hope that the proved failure of this tyranny even to justify itself in its own terms of military success, will produce a revulsion of German sentiment which, if we know how to play up to it, will cause a mighty renaissance of German civilisation along with a renouncement of Prussianism, super-Prussianism, and all their works?

The author is in no doubt, however, that the Prussian spirit must be crushed. He writes:—

"One thing is clear. Even if we should win the war, the peace will be hopelessly lost unless, by one means or another, it is possible to give Germany back her soul, and to woo or persuade her to forsake the bondage of her present tyranny for membership of, and communion with, the Commonwealth of free nations. For that no sacrifice will be too great, and no measure of forgiveness excessive.

"What will remain to be done with Prussia will present the hardest problem of all. To deny the possibility of her ultimate conversion would be to despair of human nature. And the really great Prussian qualities of devotion and self-sacrifice may be as powerful in the service of good as that of evil.

"But to change a spirit that has persisted and grown continuously for centuries is easier said than done. And until we have plain and practical proof of the Prussian being for, instead of against, civilisation, he must for his own good, and everyone else's safety, have his claws cut, and his jaws nuzzled.



There Must Be No Totalitarian Regime

"No principle of sane freedom commands us to let a dangerous wild beast loose on the world. And to hand over the natives of tropical colonies against their wills, to the tender mercies of a Power wedded openly to the principles and practice of tyranny, would be to touch a lower depth of crime even than of lunacy.

"There must be no sort of Totalitarian regime; no gestapo, Jewbaiting, or concentration camps; no militarisation of youth or gangs of storm troopers. The principles of freedom do not extend to allowing gangsters to organise their rackets in peace, or train up their children in crooks' colleges."

In his Epilogue Dr. Wingfield Stratford sums up the policy and ideals of his "Crusade for Civilisation."

"We peoples of the British Commonwealth," he writes, "at last know the strength as well as the evil, of this devilry that has come up against us, and I do not think there is any one who doubts of our own strength to meet it and, in due time, to save our souls alive, whatever happens to our bodies or our possessions.

"It has penetrated the very depths of our common consciousness that our defeat now will be the defeat of mankind, the death-sentence on life itself, and that defeat is therefore, and has got to be unthinkable.

"Enough that we have only our own souls to rely on now, the Kingdom within us, a stronger and deeper certainty than that of our enemies. We are not going to fail."

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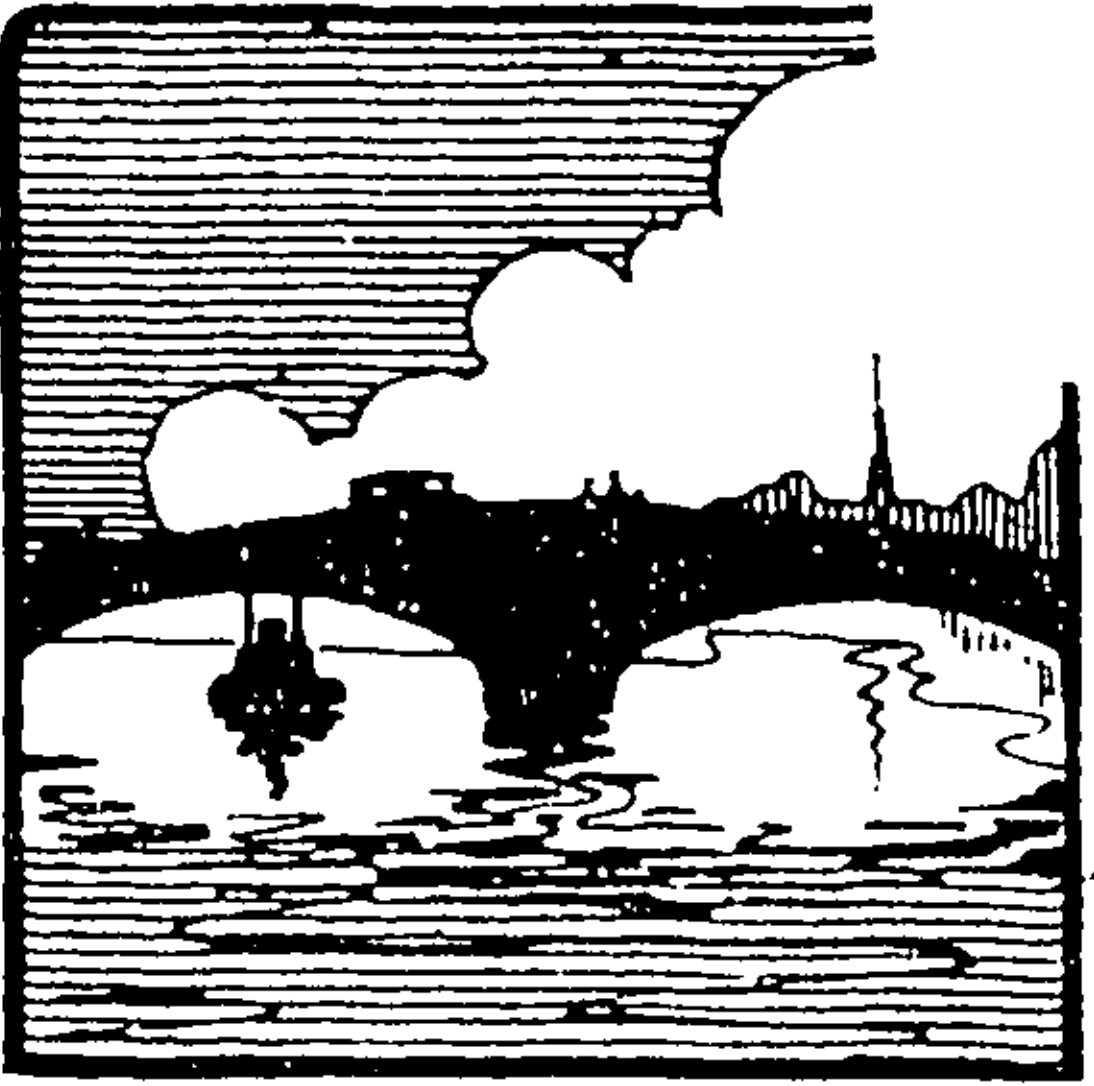
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RESISTANCE IN BELGIUM GROWS DAILY

(From A Belgian Correspondent.)

FROM TIME TO TIME young Belgians succeed in escaping from their invaded country to join the Belgian Army on British soil. The tale they have to tell is one of oppression, robbery, deceit and violence.

But it is also a tale of hope, because they are proud to testify that the Belgians resist their German oppressors with the same courage as they did during the last war, in spite of the knowledge that the outside world has not the same sympathy for them now as it had in 1914.

In 1914, Belgium under German rule enjoyed, up to a point, the protection afforded by the presence of diplomatic representatives of neutral countries, especially of the United States. In this war, however, the Germans have not long tolerated the presence of such formidable witnesses. The Nazis hope to isolate the Belgian people by lowering, as it were, the iron curtain between the stage and the auditorium.

But they are not succeeding. Belgians have no obvious means of communicating with the outside world, but they know perfectly well how the war is progressing. They listen in secret to the British broadcasts in French and Flemish, and nearly every day they see British aeroplanes on their way to objectives in Belgium itself or in Germany.

In these circumstances it is no great marvel if practically all Belgians take a very optimistic view of the prospects of the war and are ardently pro-British.

The King's Position

The determination shown by Britain after the French surrender is the main reason for the spirit of resistance in Belgium. Other factors are the plundering of Belgian food stores and industrial products, the extraordinary blunders and impudence of German propaganda, and the attempts of the invader to divide the Belgians among themselves by playing off the Flemish against the Walloons or French-speaking Belgians.

Resistance is considerably strengthened by the fact that King Leopold in spite of German pressure, has refused to conclude any kind of agreement with Germany, and considers himself a prisoner of war.

He is still popular with his people, and no constitutional issue has arisen between the King in Brussels and the Belgian Government in London.

The Government say he is not in a position to exercise his powers as King, and he himself implicitly approves this verdict by having no dealings with the enemy.

German soldiers mount guard at all times in front of the Chateau Royal de Laeken, the King's summer residence on the outskirts of Brussels. Every day Belgians lay flowers near the gates.

Shadow Over Brussels

Brussels is no longer the gay city where the comforts of life were perhaps the cheapest in Europe. The tramp of German boots sounds everywhere, and the only cars to be seen are those of German officers. Among the German soldiers the old reservists, disillusioned by the length of the war, do not conceal their desire to go home. These men hate the young and arrogant Nazis, and frequent clashes occur between them; the military authorities dare not house them in the same barracks. All Belgians agree that the young Nazi soldiers betray an astonishing ignorance of everything outside their party creed.

With plenty of marks in their pockets, the German soldiers have emptied the shops, buying mostly chocolate, silk stockings, soap, wireless sets and cameras. Although relations between the Belgians and the Germans appear to be cool and correct the population has become a vast secret society united against the enemy. From time to time acts of sabotage are committed during the night, though everybody is aware that some inhabitants, mostly soldiers released from Germany, will be taken as hostages. Factories are destroyed by mysterious fires, and

military wires are cut. In Dieghem, a village near Brussels, Belgians armed with carbines attacked a house inhabited by German officers. The obscure soldiers of a potential rebellion have begun to work in the dark.

FOR PLUCK AT SEA

Officers and men of the Merchant Navy and fishing fleet who display exceptional gallantry at sea in war-time are to be awarded a new medal by Lloyd's.

It will be known as the "Lloyd's War Medal for Bravery at Sea," and has been approved by the Admiralty and Ministry of Shipping.

Designed by Mr. Allan G. Wyon, it has a ribbon in blue and silver similar to that of the ribbon for Lloyd's Meritorious Medal but with the colours reversed.

Heroic Figure

Members of Mr. Wyon's family have designed all Lloyd's medals. The first was instituted in 1836.

The new medal has on one side a heroic figure symbolising courage and endurance, seated, and looking out over the sea. In the distance is a vessel of the Mercantile Marine. The inscription is "Awarded by Lloyd's."

On the other side a trident symbolising sea power is surrounded by an endless wreath of oak leaves and acorns. On a ribbon across the centre is the single word "Bravery."

SKY DRIPS WITH BITS OF 'PLANE

"The stuff was simply dripping out of the sky." That is how an amazed R.A.F. pilot described the annihilation of a German 'plane by a shell from a cannon-firing fighter.

The R. A. F. pilot, though only twenty-one, has already won the D. F. C. and bar.

Attacked Two

He was one of a formation of four fighters which attacked ten to fifteen Messerschmidt 109's.

The British fighters had the advantage of height, and as they dived to the attack the twenty-one-year-old pilot singled out a pair of Messerschmidts as his target.

"At fifteen miles over the Channel I got them within range of my cannon," he said. "I fired a few rounds at one, but missed."

"So I turned my attention to the other one. This time, from dead astern, I fired very deliberately."

"What happened then was like nothing I had ever seen before—not even on the pictures."

Hit Petrol Tank

"I gave him two short bursts. The cannon shells went 'boom, boom,' and one must have struck his petrol tank."

"The Messerschmidt 109 exploded in front of me like a bursting A. A. shell. There was a quick flash, a cloud of black smoke and bits were flying through the air. The stuff was simply dripping out of the sky."

"I broke away and looked round. The smoke quickly dispersed, and of all the pieces falling around me there wasn't one I could recognise as any part of an aeroplane."

"It was the most amazing sight I have ever seen. I only hope the same thing happens every time I fire these lovely cannons of mine."

ESCAPE AIR NIGHTMARE

IN A NIGHTMARE flight over Germany at night, a British bomber crew found themselves trapped in a snowstorm at 14,000ft., with an engine stopped and shell bursting below them, then caught in a balloon barrage.

But because the front gunner was injured and could not bale out the rest of the crew, threatened with disaster at any moment, refused to leave him to his fate.

This crew had been detailed to attack a target in Germany. As soon as they reached the Dutch coast they ran into heavy cloud. "We went up to 14,000ft. without getting clear," said the sergeant pilot.

Then it started to snow and soon the outside of the front turret was thickly covered.

"The front gunner couldn't see a thing, so he came out. There was snow all over the top part of his clothing."

"Things got worse. The airspeed indicators froze up. The second pilot agreed with me that it seemed pretty useless trying to get through."

Steep Spirals

"We were about eighty miles inland and, turning, we set course for base. Ten minutes later the starboard engine started missing, then the engine failed altogether,

probably because of ice in the carburettor. I decided to get rid of the bombs to lighten the aircraft."

"I couldn't keep height at all, and we kept going into steep spirals, losing a thousand feet at a time with the aircraft temporarily out of control."

"The wireless operator was thrown across the aircraft and broke his ankle, but he got back to his wireless and kept working it."

"The whole thing was a nightmare. I don't know how the guns missed us. With only one engine I couldn't take any evasive action."

"We ran slap through a balloon barrage. I saw about half-a-dozen balloons on our port side. We were still on one engine and I just flew on."

"We had dropped to about 1,000ft. when the starboard engine picked up at last and so we got home after all."

Jews In Holland May Be Herded Off To Poland

LARGE NUMBERS of Dutch Jews are to be deported to Poland, according to a Stockholm correspondent yesterday. They will be confined in Jewish reservations established by the German authorities around Lublin, central Poland.

No confirmation of this drastic step has yet been obtained but a Netherlands Government official in London told Reuter yesterday that such a move would arouse no surprise in Dutch circles.

Dutch Jews, he said, had already been deprived by the Nazis of their Dutch passports and labeled simply as Jews.

The Nazis were also reported to be establishing a kind of ghetto in the Jewish quarter in Amsterdam, where Jews will be compelled to live.

Similar repressive measures against Jews have been reported in various parts of Holland.

Jews in Amsterdam are largely of Polish origin and, being strictly Orthodox, still wore long beards and black robes, which are only seen generally among Jews in Eastern Europe.

Another large section of Dutch Jews are of Portuguese origin, and altogether there are about 200,000 Jews in the Netherlands. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BIG TANK OUTPUT

Trying To Catch Up With Germany

Britain is fast pushing ahead with the output of men and material in an effort to overtake Germany's great lead in tank production and units to man them. The view has been expressed that the flow of tanks already exceeds that of full-trained men to man them.

Two types of formation in the Royal Armoured Corps expanding rapidly are the Armoured Division, possessing the most formidable hitting power in the British Army, self-contained and working at high speed, and the even more weighty Army Tank Brigade, working at a slower pace with the Infantry.

The aim in equipment is standardisation, with more armament and heavier armour than even that possessed by the heavy infantry tanks lost to Germany in France.

It was the knowledge that no known anti-tank gun in use could penetrate the tank rather than its relative comfort which gave a wartime trip in a 25-ton land ship a sense of security. British experts do not believe that the Germans are any better exponents of the use of tanks. There is evidence that the Germans still are having to re-shape their ideas on equipment. Not one tank officer who served in France seems to believe that the Germans possess any juggernauts.

The type of man who, by experience or easy application, makes the most skilled driver, gunner, wireless operator, or commander of a tank is at a premium to-day. All three Services, as well as the Ministry of Labour, need him.

Latest recruits, the 35's, are regarded by the Commanding Officer of a training regiment, as the best type yet.

SIGN OF AXIS ANXIETY

"The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events," the Ankara radio stated last night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans has conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly."

"It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded, even in Axis circles, as extremely dubious."

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war." — Reuter.

SQUARE DEAL FOR YOUTH

Two thousand apprentices, with a man aged twenty as chairman, have formed an apprentices' guild to safeguard their wartime careers at Vickers Armstrong, Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness, and secured the right to hold fortnightly conferences with the management.

The idea is likely to spread to other industries where apprentices, knowing what happened after the last war, are afraid industry may not give them a square deal.

"There is nothing political about the guild," an apprentice told a reporter. "We are anxious to become skilled craftsmen, completely taught after the war."

"There is a temptation to take better money for some classes of job which apprentices find hard to resist."

Once A Fortnight

Sir Charles Craven, head of the Vickers combine, said: "The boys asked if we would see their representatives once a month. We replied: 'Why not make it once a fortnight?'"

"We are one of the few concerns which still bind apprentices by indenture. Their welfare is as much our concern as theirs."

"These apprentices are anxious that in spite of the war and the 'Go To It' campaign they shall learn their craft as completely as in peace."

RELIEF WORK AT LARISSA

The Larissa (Greece) earthquake victims are receiving valuable assistance from British and American sources.

Already 6,000 blankets have arrived from the American Relief and some 150 tons of preserved food and other material have been placed at the disposal of the victims by the British authorities. Senior officers of the R.A.M.C. have also arrived. — British Wireless.

50 JAPANESE WARSHIPS PASS SOUTH

Some 50 Japanese warships passed Hong Kong on Sunday proceeding south towards Hainan Island according to delayed reports.

BIG INCREASE IN U.S. NAVY

Legislation that would increase the U.S. Navy's enlisted personnel immediately to 232,000 and authorise the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence, was introduced by Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee, yesterday.

The Bill would also authorise the President to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion. — Reuter.

ARRIVE IN INDIA MORE ITALIANS

A further 6,700 Italian prisoners of war have been landed in Bombay in the last two days. The total now in India exceeds 32,000. — Reuter.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament, 1941

Closing date of ENTRIES has been extended to SATURDAY, 8th March, 1941, at 6.00 p.m.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 6th March, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the proposed resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:

"The Directors of the Company shall not be less than six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

STICKING TO YOUR GUNS

By The Four Aces

"After reading some of your recent articles," writes a Connecticut fan, "I've concluded that a great many players just use a difficult Bridge hand as an excuse to start an old-fashioned brawl. Here in Hartford we have many disagreements but no squabbles—at least among the players I know. Here's one of our difficulties that might have led to some trouble elsewhere—we're just curious to know the rights and wrongs of the matter:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ 10 3
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ K J 4

♠ K J 4 2
♥ 9 5 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ A Q 7

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♠ 9 3
♥ A K Q J 7 6 2
♦ J 7
♣ 9 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass

"South was set one trick at four hearts, since the opponents took two spades and the minor-suit Aces in a hurry. But, as North pointed out, three no-trump could not be defeated. Should South have gone to the comparative safety of four hearts or should he have taken a chance and passed three no-trump doubled?"

First, a reply to the comment about fights. We're sorry if our comments make it appear that Bridge fights are very common. We think most players have a very good time at the time and never venture any but good-natured criticism. And we've seen a lot of very loud games in which all the fierce invective was just part of the fun. As far as we can see there's no harm in either type of game—it's just a matter of personal taste.

As for the hand, we think South should have passed three no-trump doubled. His hand was good for seven tricks, and game would be made if North could contribute two more. If North had a wide-open suit, he would have "run" to four hearts after the double; his pass indicated that the no-trump contract was not just a wild stab.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 2
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenker	Jacoby	You	Malor
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. You have a fairly good five-card major suit with good distribution, although meagre high-card strength. There cannot be any point in suppressing your suit at this stage of the bidding.

Score 100% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 656

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenker	Jacoby	You	Malor
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



An optimist is he who thinks there'll come a time when he can take life easy.

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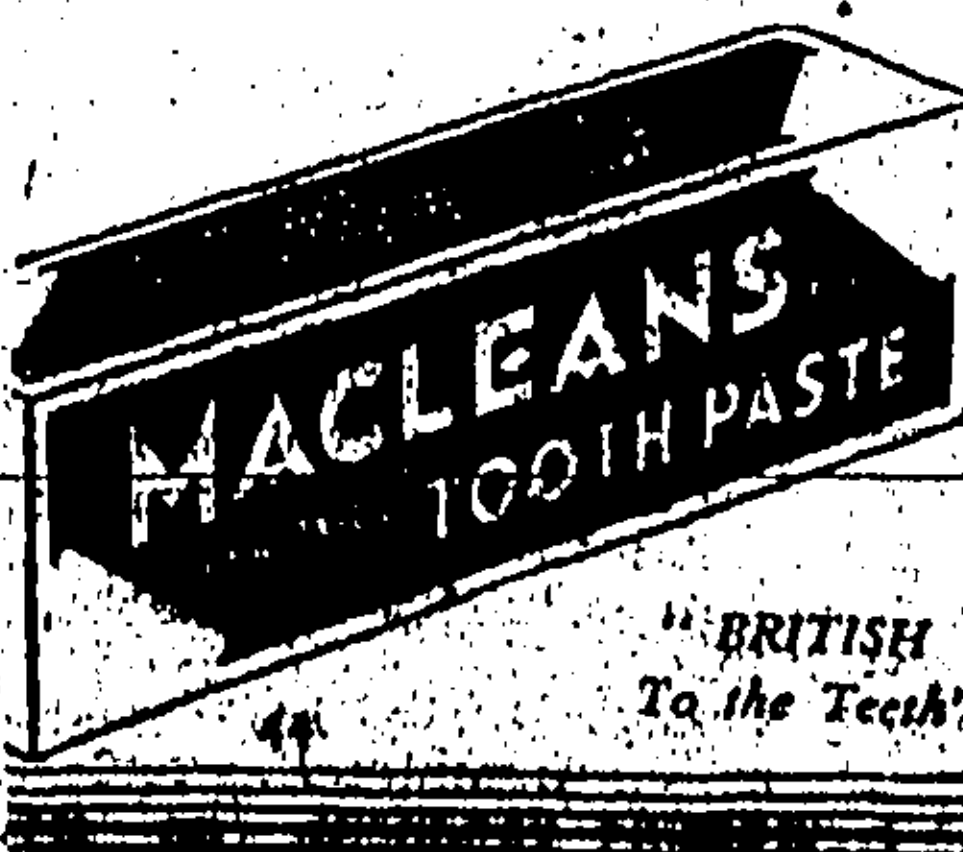


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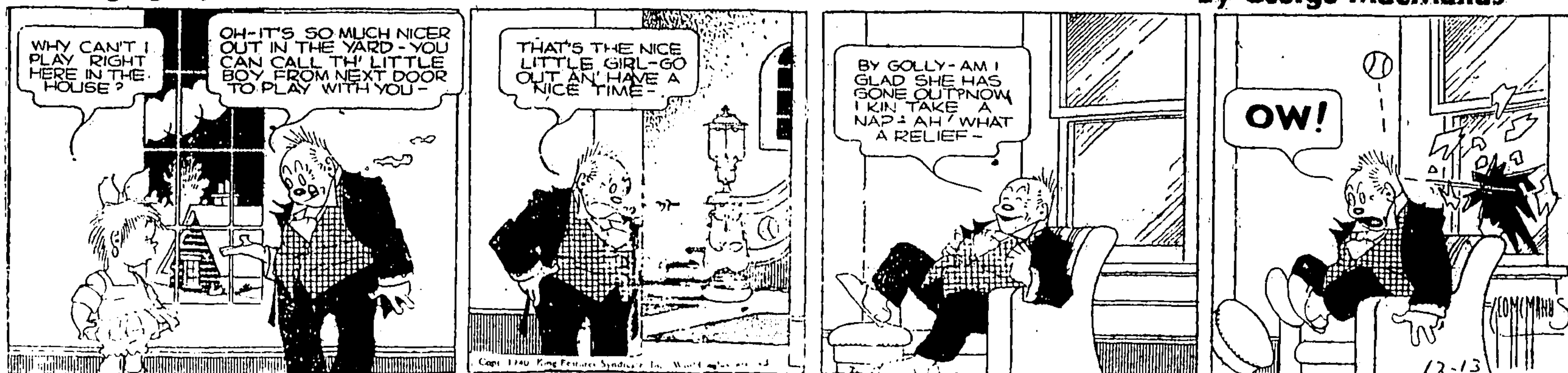
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Clean The Face Properly

This admonition of cleaning one's face properly is not for those who live away from dust and grime in the air. It is for women who live in town where the air is laden with particles which the skin collects.

Most external skin blemishes come from thoughtlessness. You might THINK you clean your skin well, but actually you do not unless you take infinite pains.

To clean a city skin well it is actually necessary to use both a cleansing cream and soap and water daily, and a steaming and brush scrubbing followed by a masque, weekly. Now that sounds like a lot of trouble, but once a woman establishes a skin cleaning routine the effort becomes second nature to her.

Adopt This Programme

We begin at night, or at the end of the work day, with skin care. Then you should use a generous amount of cleansing cream on your face and all around your neck including upper shoulders for dirt settles there alarming. After working this well into your skin with finger tips, remove it with several face tissues or a soft cotton or linen towel. Personally I feel more grime comes off the skin if one uses a cotton or linen square and these may be boiled in sudsy water on laundry day.

The cream cleansing is followed by a washing with a FRESH face cloth and soap suds. I do not think it is a good idea to rub the soap on the face cloth and then on your face. Rather dip the saturated face cloth into the suds of the soap which you can easily whip up, and then be certain to rinse very well with warm water

Skin radiance is a precious beauty asset. MYRNA LOY'S translucent skin texture is preserved through meticulous daily cleansings.

followed by splashings with cold water.

If you plan to go out in the evening after such a face cleansing, and you apply a powder base

and make-up, you must cream your face again before going to bed, and wash it with soap and water in the morning when you take your shower or tub.

But if you leave your skin squeaking-clean all evening and night you need only wash it well with warm water (no soap) in the morning, and splash it with cold water which is a splendid firming astringent.

Simplest Of Beauty Routines

According to Lucy Monroe the famed Star Spangled Soprano, a woman can keep beautiful through the simplest of beauty routines providing she is loyal to it. "It's the regularity of the effort that counts, and not the complexity of it," states this beauty who has earned the nickname of Star Spangled Soprano because she has sung it more often than any other star!

When she arises in the morning, Miss Monroe uses a generous amount of fluffy cleansing cream on her fresh looking complexion. She leaves this on while she breakfasts, reads her paper and bathes. A hot bath with cream on her face is an excellent means of keeping her skin soft, she finds, for the steaming opens the pores and allows the cream to soften and cleanse deeply.

This beauty is most partial to hot baths, filled to the brim and scented with bath oil. She adores all bath accessories — perfumed soaps, friction mitts, cologne and dusting powder. In these she indulges to the limit!

After her morning tubbing off comes the cleansing cream with tissue and wads of cotton saturated with a mild skin lotion. She uses no powder base or rouge for daytime but she does use two powders—a darker shade first and then a lighter one. The powder is applied to the skin thoroughly by pressing with clean cotton and then the excess is brushed off (a trick many women could adopt to advantage).

Miss Monroe does touch up her eyelashes and she prefers the

smallest most inexpensive size of mascara because it doesn't get a chance to "gum up" as the larger cakes do.

Night Care

Before retiring this beautiful songbird removes her make-up with cleansing cream and skin tonic. Once in a while she washes her face in soap and water. Then she pats on a skin lubricant to do night repairing. This takes not longer than five minutes but she makes it a rule never to neglect this simple routine.

Hands, and body too, are treated to an old-fashioned almond lotion to which Miss Monroe is so devoted that she cannot wash her hands without using it both winter and summer. "This simple habit keeps my hands nicely groomed and soft and when I get a body massage I request that this same lotion be used."

As Miss Monroe is kept very busy travelling, filling her singing engagements, she admits there is little time for formal exercising; but she has a body massage whenever she can for she feels massage keeps muscles firmed and skin soft. She walks too, about a mile a day or more, and the fresh air helps to keep her eyes as bright and clear as they are, and her cheeks pink!

Regarding hair care she states: "I brush my hair well every single day, wash it frequently sometimes twice a week. I have no special hairdresser — I just go to the handiest. But my hair has a wave of its own so it is not hard to manage!"

Your Weekly Session

Once a week get into a hot tub with your face literally covered with cleansing cream or lubricating cream. Leave it on while you steam. Remove it with tissues or a towel after your bathing, and then scrub your skin with a soft complexion brush and bland soap suds—there is a lovely liquid soap which is excellent for this purpose.

Or you may steam your face after rubbing on olive or almond oil. Remove the oil and then scrub with the brush and soap.

After this scrubbing you may use a home-made masque for firming the contour and closing the too-large pores, or a prepared masque which agrees with your skin.

Such a routine is bound to give you greater skin beauty.

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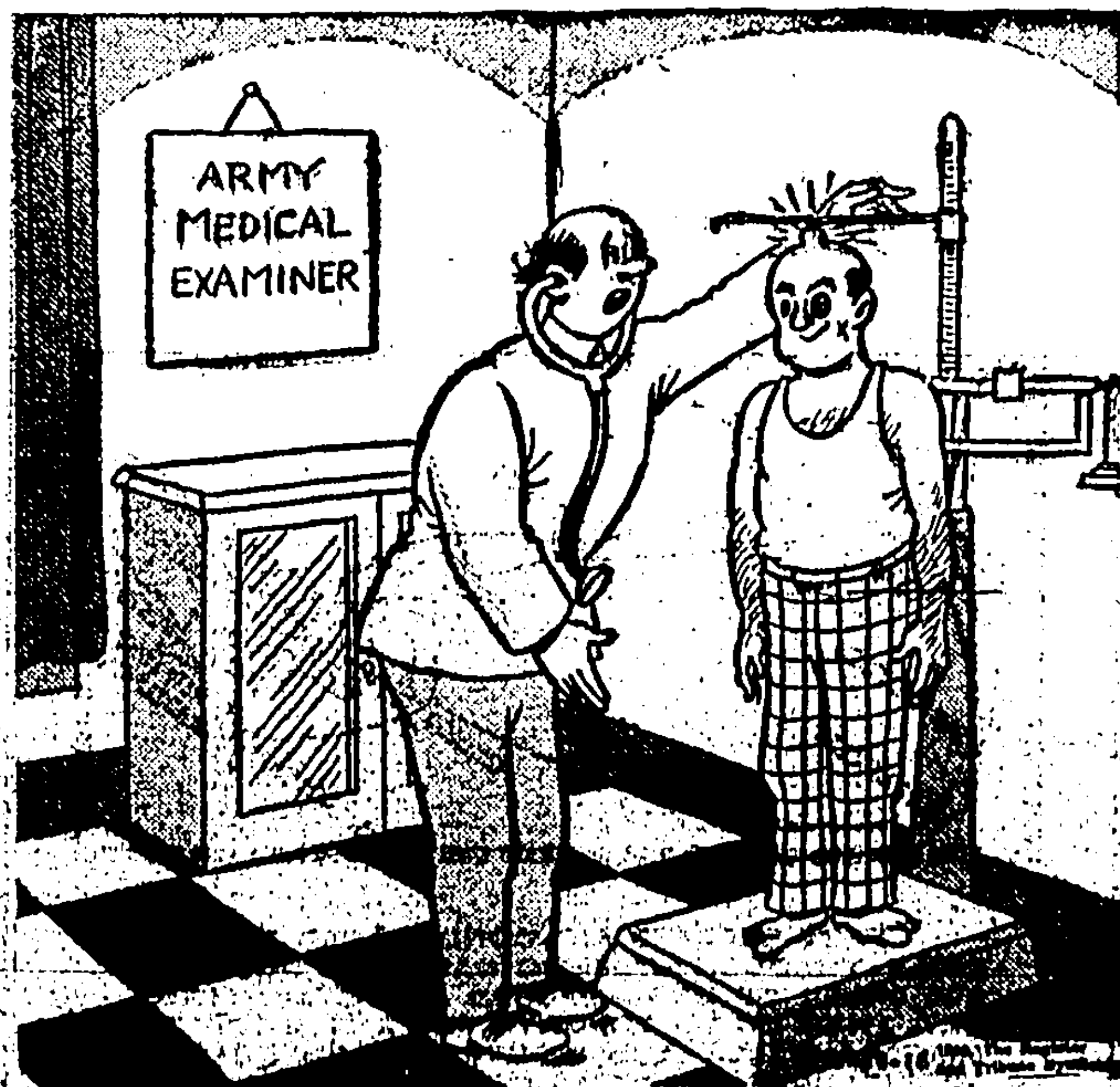
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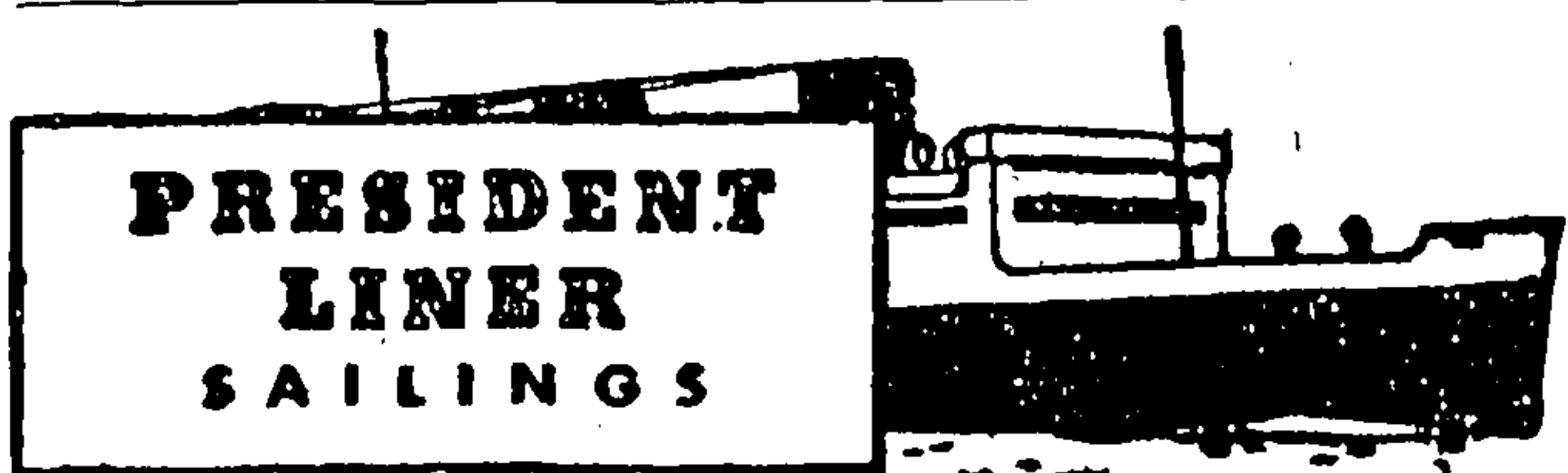


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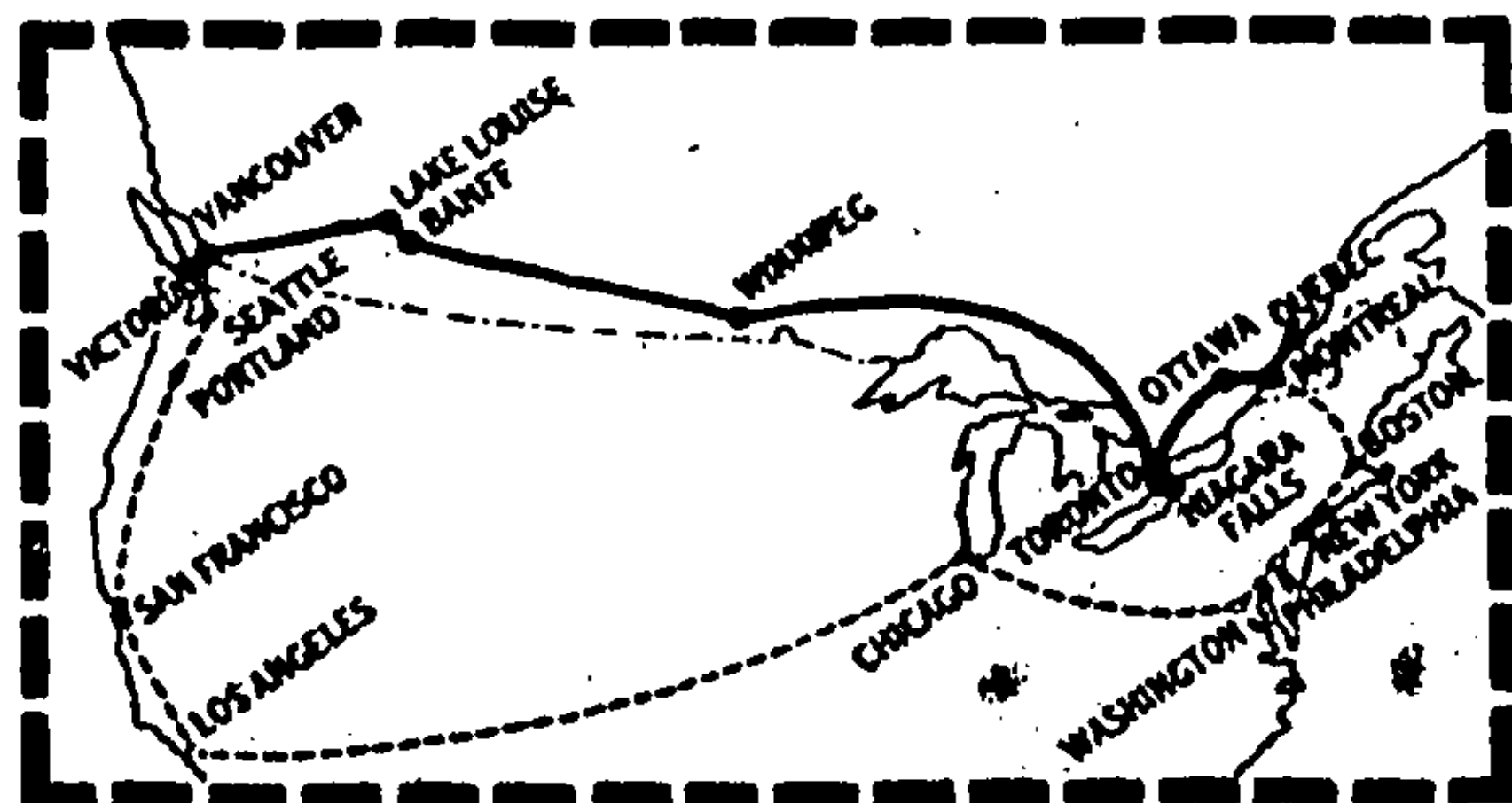
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Graziani's gunners had a spotting plane over Sollum to direct their fire but the spotter must have been amazed to see that every time an Italian shell burst a house in another part of the town went up. He sent off frantic signals to his gunners asking them to correct their fire.

Finally the spotter wheeled off in disgust as it dawned on him that a grinning group of British sappers were squatting round at the end of their electric fuse-wires at a safe distance, blowing up houses they had previously mined. Each time the Italians fired a shell the sappers exploded another house.

HE LOST FAITH--- AND---DIED

AN OFFICER in charge of a bomb disposal squad who had been praised for his work shot himself because he had an inferiority complex.

This is the letter left by Second-Lieutenant Leonard Arthur Jeffery Dyke, thirty-three, of the Royal Engineers:—

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The remainder of the letter, said the coroner, was devoted to expressions of love by Lieutenant Dyke for his wife and children.

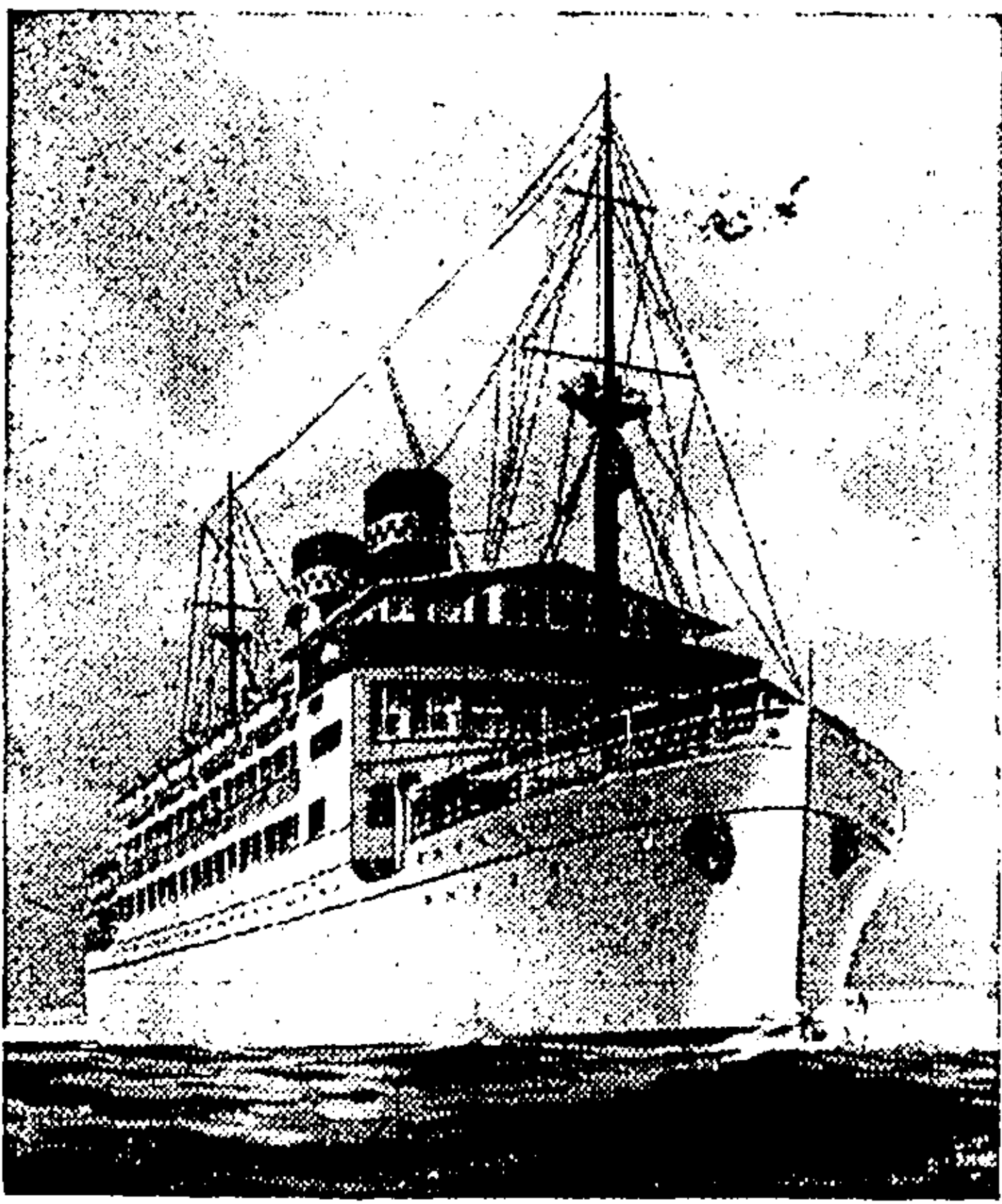
The coroner returned a verdict of Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

An officer stated that Lieutenant Dyke was an officer of marked ability, and during his work in Scotland was a member of a bomb disposal squad had been specially recommended by the G.O.C. Scottish Command for a report he made on bomb disposal.

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Donald Black Heads Jockeys After Lean Start

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THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING has come and gone, setting at rest, for another year, all speculations regarding the classic events. This year's meeting, however, was rather badly marred by inclement weather, and on two occasions it was deemed necessary to postpone racing on account of the sodden state of the track, which has suffered most severely.

Taking all things into consideration, it must be agreed that the Stewards acted very wisely in their decisions, as, on the first two days, the track was far too slippery, causing several accidents.

After winning the Austral Valley Stakes on A Happy Time, Mr. Holden had very bad luck in being kicked by Laxury on the leg, whilst riding A Surprising Time before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes. He came off his pony for a time, then remounted and finished the race very gamely, but had later to go to hospital for treatment.

This was Mr. Holden's first experience on the local track. He came from Shanghai with a fine reputation, and it was indeed a pity we were unable to see what he really could do.

Riding Jungle Princess, Mr. D. G. Woo came down heavily rounding the bend outside the stable. He was rendered unconscious, and the pony had to be destroyed. Mr. S. W. Tang was brought down when The Koala Bear slipped at practically the same spot, but the pony did not suffer any injury.

In the Wakool Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies, Commander Craven, riding Melody Star, fell when nearing the one and a half miles post, and Mr. Peter Wei was brought down on Fair Chance. Both jockeys suffered injuries, Commander Craven the more serious, with a fractured arm. Melody Star had to be destroyed, but Fair Chance was apparently unhurt.

THE JOCKEYS

Failing to score a single win on the first two days of racing, Mr. Donald Black came through the meeting with flying colours, with eight wins to top the list of successful jockeys. His riding on a few occasions was really superb, particularly his win on Viceroy, which beat Far View practically on the post. I believe, however, that Mr. Black derived most satisfaction from his win on Confusion Bay in the Champion Stakes.

Needa and Moller came next with six wins each, followed by



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Noodt, Pih, Ip Kui-ying, the latter winning four times in nine outings. Mr. R. M. Wood graduated from the Novice Class through his nicely judged win on Eve of Harvest. He received hearty congratulations, which were well merited.

THE OWNERS

Mr. T. K. Li had the satisfaction of heading the list of Owners, with seven wins, five seconds and three thirds. He achieved the distinction of winning The Hong Kong Derby and the Champion Stakes, with Oolong and Confusion Bay, ridden by Needa and Black, respectively.

The Cire Stable, owned by the veteran Mr. Eric Moller, was next with six wins, five seconds and three thirds, followed by the Eve Stable, Li Lan-sang, and Necan, the last named being owner of United Express, which proved itself undisputed champion among the new Australian Subscription Griffins.

NEW CHINA PONIES

Due to postponement of the meeting from Saturday to Monday, owners of new China ponies had to revise their entries with the result that Oolong was sent out in the Maiden Stakes instead of the Trial Plate, and Marber's nomination, Charlesber, was kept back for the Derby.

After winning the Maiden Stakes, Oolong was strongly fancied to win the Derby and this expectation was fully justified. The Moller candidates, Velvetlight (Mr. Moller) and Lovelylight (Mr. Noodt) had to be content with second and third.

Charlesber failed miserably, and the pony, a strong and nice-looking animal, was evidently not sufficiently galloped in training. By the time The Rock was reached for the second time, it gradually faded out of the picture. At this stage, Oolong got in front, and Mr. Noodt made a determined attempt to secure the rails, but Mr. Needa was not to be easily caught. Coming into the straight, Oolong was running comfortably. Just when Lovelylight was falling back, Velvetlight came forward to challenge Oolong, but to no avail.

Mr. T. K. Li's pony won the Derby, and both owner and jockey received an ovation.

Although it failed badly in the Hong Kong Derby, World Fair View (Mr. Pih) accounted for the Racing Stakes, and its win here was certainly most convincing. In the Hopeful Stakes, Oolong and Velvetlight gave spectators a thrilling finish. On this occasion, Oolong was ridden by Mr. Sokoloff, who timed his win nicely, just beating Velvetlight by a short head.

There was, however, a different tale to tell the next day, when these two ponies clashed again in the Tyro Stakes. This time, Oolong had another jockey in Mr. G. Pollock. Coming into the straight, Oolong was well in front, as it turned the bend faster than Velvetlight, but the latter responded most gamely to Mr. Moller's urge, and amidst great excitement, defeated Oolong by half a length.

Prior to the commencement of racing, Palber, belonging to the Marber Stable, was regarded as a potential challenger for the Derby, but it suffered a set-back in training.

It ran third in the Maiden

Stakes, and it was not until the fourth day that it scored a win, in the Grand Stand Stakes.

NEW AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS

There is no doubt whatever that, among the new Australian Griffins, Distant View, owned by Mr. Li Lan-sang, is outstanding. It won the Austral Derby without being seriously challenged.

On the first day, A Happy Time (Mr. Holden) won the Austral Valley Stakes (one mile), with Fleetwing (Mr. Poy) second and Colooma (Mr. Black) third. Distant View simply walked away with the Austral Maiden Stakes (six furlongs).

In the Austral Trial Plate a most unfortunate accident occurred. Nomine Poenae (ridden by Mr. Chao) took the lead from the very start, and so well was it running within a hundred yards from the end that it looked a sure winner. Unfortunately Mr. Chao got unseated and was thrown over the rails, with the result that First Love (Mr. Liang) was given an easy win.

The Austral Derby was run in a downpour of rain, and the jockeys had an unenviable time. Nothing much can be said regarding the race, as Distant View got in front and remained there to the end. Oracle (Mr. Needa) was second, and First Love (Mr. Liang) third.

Fleetwing (Mr. Poy) scored a fine win in the Austral Black Rock Stakes (From the 2 Mile Post). At one stage it looked as if the finish would see a good fight between Fleetwing, Starlight (Mr. Moller) and Mountain View (Mr. H. C. Pih), but the first named proved the strongest.

Distant View (Mr. Pih) scored its third consecutive win by carrying off the Chater Cup without being exerted. In the Austral Racing Stakes (1 1/4 miles) Mr. Black came into the picture with a grand win on Colooma, beating Oracle and Nomine Poenae, which were strongly supported. The race was actually won before the home stretch, when Mr. Black sent Colooma out in front, stealing a march on the others. Mr. Needa made a determined effort on Oracle, but his effort was of no avail.

March Warbler (Mr. Black) won the Austral Hopetul Stakes (1 1/4 miles), and ridden strongly by Mr. Moller, Starlight carried off the Austral Grand Stand Stakes.

Heralded as an outstanding pony, Gloaming, belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, failed badly over the first four days of racing, but it won the Yarra Stakes for non-winners most convincingly on the last day.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS

This was the outstanding event of the racing carnival, with this year's griffins fighting out the issue against the old subscription ponies.

After the easy manner in which Distant View (Mr. H. C. Pih) had won its three races, it was expected that it would give Sapper a real battle royal, but Sapper once again proved its undoubted superiority. Distant View adopted the tactics of running away at the start, and at one stage it was leading by several lengths.

Not appearing to be unduly worried, Mr. Davis kept Sapper behind, and he started to overhaul Distant View going up the incline. In the straight, Sapper experienced no difficulty in getting ahead, and once in front, the race was over.

OLD CHINA PONIES

Old China ponies opened the Annual Race Meeting's programme with a long distance event over 1 1/4 miles, in which the Challenge Cup was involved. This was won last year by Cire's representative, Navylight, but expectations of this Cup going to Shanghai for good failed to materialise.

Mr. T. K. Li sent out O-Lan, ridden by Mr. Needa, and Confusion Bay, with Mr. H. C. Pih up, the latter commanding the most support. The race itself was quite interesting, with Confusion Bay and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) making the running, while Mr.



Needa was content to keep O-Lan right behind.

Coming into the straight, O-Lan issued its challenge, and once in front there was nothing to stop it from winning by two lengths, whilst Eve of Harvest and Burford indulged in a spirited fight, the former just securing the verdict for second position.

Navylight ran disappointingly in the Challenge Cup, but revealed its true form on the second day when it won the Foschow Cup (1 1/4 Miles), beating Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) and Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa).

A GRAND FINISH

This race provided a grand finish, with the result in doubt right up to the end. In my opinion, Navylight's win was due to a great extent to the determined manner in which Mr. Moller handled his mount.

Racylight (Mr. F. Noodt) and Dupont Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen) took the lead, with Eve of Harvest, Navylight, Confusion Bay following in the order named. A hundred yards from the winning post it looked as if Eve of Harvest would win, but Navylight gradually crept forward, and over the last few strides managed to overhaul the Eve pony to win by a head.

Then came the Champions, which resulted in a complete reversal of form. O-Lan (Mr. Needa) was made firm favourite, but Confusion Bay also received strong support, probably because it was being ridden by Mr. Black, who has had past experience in handling this pony.

Racylight (Mr. Noodt) ran off with a commanding lead, but the others were not unduly worried, and after passing the Rock, it was reduced gradually.

On the other hand, Mr. Needa was content to keep O-Lan trailing in the rear, and its finish over the last quarter mile was indeed most disappointing.

In the meantime, Confusion Bay had asserted itself and after passing Racylight, its win was assured, with Navylight (Mr. Moller) taking second position. In its belated challenge O-Lan occupied third place.

Once again, Confusion Bay proved itself the best among the old China ponies, and on its Champions form, it will be hard to beat.

To Racylight, ridden by Mr. Noodt, fell the honour of the highest win dividend of the Meeting—\$171.20. This was in the Victoria Stakes, over one mile, when both Spleyight and Eve of Harvest carried most support. Racylight jumped into the lead from the very start, and it was never overhauled at any stage of the race.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS

In races confined to the new Australian subscription griffins, three upsets featured the first day. United Express (ridden by Mr. Ip Kui-ying) won the first section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes (six furlongs) in an effortless manner, but in the other two sections, Black Seal (Mr. Chao) and Vitamin M (Mr. Black) disappointed.

In the second division, Black Seal and A Surprising Time (Mr. Holden) had a grand fight, but when it appeared as if Black Seal was going to win, Amulet Star (Mr. Craven) came through with a great burst of speed snatching a grand win over the last length.

In the third section, Vitamin M (Noodt) and Bendemeer (Mr. Needa) were made favourites, but National Welfare (Mr. Tao) sprang a surprise on both. Happy Returns (Mr. Wei) very nearly caused an upset as it was only backed to the extent of 100 win tickets.

In the Australian Valley Stakes (1 mile) Manhattan won fairly easily, with Jus Gentium (Mr. Sokoloff) taking second place.

Moonlight (ridden by Mr. F. Noodt) and Bendemeer (Mr. Needa) won the Perth Plate (1/4

mile), first and second sections, respectively.

Repeating its grand win in the Sydney Maidens the previous day, United Express had an easy passage in the Governor's Cup (one mile).

Dutch Treat (Mr. Botelho) and Black Seal (Chao) provided spectators with a thrilling finish for the Garrison Cup, a short head separating them at the end.

Black Seal was very strongly supported, and over the last few lengths it was actually leading, but somehow Mr. Botelho got a little bit of extra response from his mount, and it shot forward just in time.

On the first day, Santa-Anita failed, but later it gave a grand performance by winning the Lusitano Cup (1 1/4 miles), with S. C. Liang up, despite a bad start.

By the time the winning post was reached for the first time, Santa-Anita was several lengths behind, but the pony had no difficulty in catching up and once in the lead it was a sure winner, although King's Flight (Mr. Needa) challenged it towards the end.

King's Flight (Mr. Needa) came into the limelight by winning the Albany Stakes (1 1/4 miles), and ridden by Mr. Chao, Happy Returns inflicted a defeat on Santa-Anita in the Royal Navy Cup.

Mr. Liang on Santa-Anita found his passage blocked at a vital stage, but had he issued his challenge a little earlier, the result might have been different.

THE ROOTY HILL DERBY

Prior to the commencement of The Rooty Hill Derby, on which the Big Dollar Sweep depended, the stands presented a most animated appearance, with all available space taxed to the utmost limit.

Interest was at fever height when the ponies were led out, and according to the trend of betting, it appeared as if the result was between United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), Endeavour (Mr. Moller) and Manhattan (Mr. Hearne).

The last named ran convincingly over the first mile, but after that, it simply faded out of the picture.

On the rise of the barrier, Mr. Ip took United Express out in front, and this strategy on his part proved most successful. United Express continued on, and it was not until going up the incline for the second time that Endeavour tried to force the pace.

United Express refused to give way, and coming into the straight was still leading. Try as he did, Mr. Moller could not get any more response out of Endeavour, and United Express reached home a worthy winner.

In the Blue Mountains Plate (first section) over one mile, Endeavour fully justified the confidence which it received, but it had to run strongly in order to beat Mainsail (Mr. S. L. Yuen), with A Surprising Time (Mr. Black) taking third place.

Never-never ridden by Mr. Black scored a meritorious win in the Warrego Plate (two miles). Coming into the straight for the second time, Mr. Liang, on Santa-Anita, thought he had the race won, but Never-never came out of the blue, and once it assumed the lead, there was nothing Mr. Liang could do to avert defeat.

During the four days of racing, Mr. Sokoloff was placed several times on Australian ponies, and he secured a well merited win in the Blue Mountains Plate (second section), on the fourth day when he piloted Lex Fori home to beat Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne).

United Express proved itself the best among this year's lot of new Australian Subscription Griffins, winning every race in which it ran.

Whilst receiving some challenge from Endeavour in the Rooty Hill Derby, United Express met with practically no opposition in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies—Champions, both of which it won without being extended.

I believe United Express is the only pony capable of giving Sapper a good fight, and when they do clash, it will be a race worth watching.

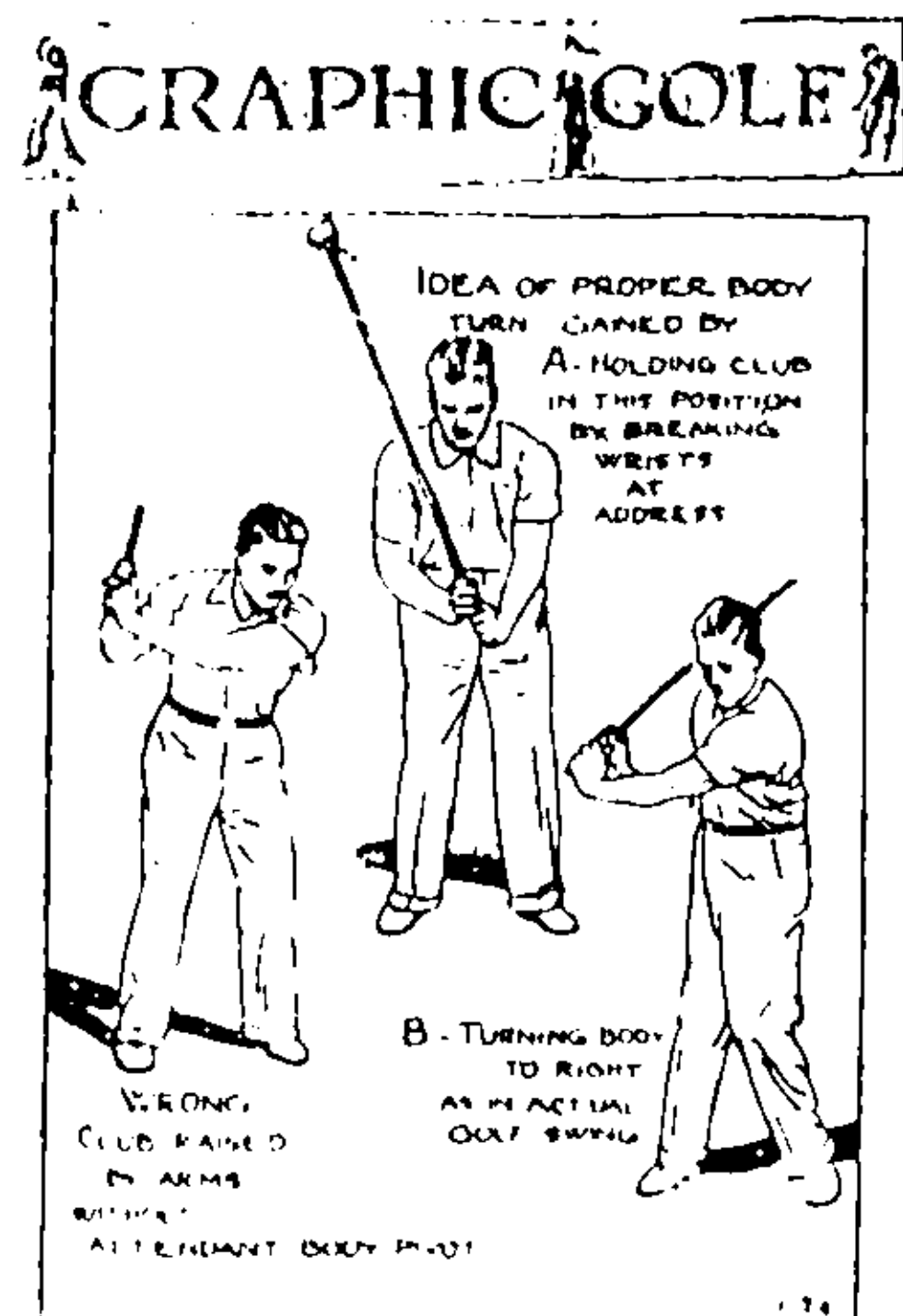
DEPLETED ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM DEFEAT CYCLONES EASILY

Razack Hits Only Home Run Of Dull Game

Filipinos Shut Out By Mohawks

By "Grandstand"

FIELDING A DEPLETED TEAM, St. Joseph's humiliated "Sunburn" Omar's Cyclones, in the Senior League opener, to retain their League leadership.



Playing Position

BY BEST BALL

Beginning golfers are often unable to determine precisely just what constitutes a proper back swing in golf. They may have some idea of how the club should be taken back but the precise functions of the arms and body and the co-ordination between the two is not clear. For example, in the illustration to the left the player is shown with the club half way up in the backstroke yet no apparent body turn has accompanied this arm movement. Consequently, the swing will not only be lacking in power but that forward movement of the clubhead close to the ground, which can only come when the body is moving forward with the stroke.

By having the player break his wrists while standing in his natural address position, until the club is nearly vertical to the ground, then turning his body to the right, one gains the proper position for this point in the backstroke. Hands, wrists and arms remain as they were and by breaking the wrists still more the club may be lifted over the right shoulder. The final position is similar to that used in playing a full shot. Naturally such a method is not suitable for actual play but merely serves to enlighten the golfer on backswing fundamentals.

Next Article: — Strokes of Green.

OPINION ON GOLF

It is reported that a Yorkshire bowler "fan" was persuaded to try his hand at golf. When they asked him after the game how he liked it, he replied: "It'll never last." "Last?" his friends exclaimed in surprise. "Why, there are golf courses all over the country."

"I don't care," commented the bowler expert. "It can't last. Why, when I was at 'fourth hole' to other day, I was a mile and a half from 'bar'!"

QUEEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The annual athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held on Saturday, March 15, on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

Frankie "Bashful" Gonsales worked on the mound for the victors, and only walked one, whiffing none, being content to toss them over trusting to his fielders. Of the five safeties collected off him, Cyclone hindsnatcher Razack connected for the only Cyclone extra-base clout, when left-gardener Jindoo Hussain misjudged his hoist to left.

"Kelly" Silva-Netto chuckled for the losers and was nicked for six safeties, but walked none and fanned two. The Cyclone's lone tally was chalked up when Hussain heaved a wild one from left to allow Razack to score from second.

Setting down Cyclones in one-two-three order in the initial frame, the Collegians chalked up their first marker to break into the score column on a single and two bobbles.

In the next frame, Saints threatened again, when Hussain snatched hurler Silva-Netto's first offering for a stinging single to short-centre, but he was caught sneaking second.

Frankie Gonsales fanned the breeze for the next erasure, while Henry Ali fled out for no gain in score. For the next two stanzas, Cyclones were blanked, missing their chance when they had ducks in the pond, but short-stop Rum-jahn bunted into a double play with a pop fly. Two clusters of runs in the third and fourth, consolidated the Collegian lead, which was never in danger.

Cyclones Score

Cyclones broke the string of horse-collars which decorated their score column, when Razack crossed the pan on a miscue.

In the last three sessions, Cyclones were shut-out, as twirler Frankie Gonsales chucked no-hit ball.

The longest hit of the day was made by Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, who slashed a three-bagger to right, whilst Skelly Razack connected for the only other extra-base clout with a double.

Chinese Baseballers subdued Canadian Chinese by 8-2 behind Den Cray's three-hitter. Cray went the route for the Liumen fanning five, but passed seven Canucks to first; Geegee Lee, on the mound for the Maple Leafs, whiffed two and walked one. Extra base clouts were made by Cray and Mar, both of whom were good for doubles.

In the night-cap, Mohawks white-washed Filipinos 19-0 in a batting spree, in which every Waggoner connected for a hit, which included two-baggers by "Doo" Molthen, Pete Fitch, Johnnie Schaberg, Cy Jones and Hank Sperry.

The Islanders started well, holding the Waggonermen to a lone tally, but the Mohawks produced a splurge of six markers in the next frame on three blows, to take a flying start.

Another cluster of seven counters on five safeties in the sixth stanza put finish to the game.

Filipino hurler Amper was nicked for 11 safeties, passed one and fanned one, whilst Mohawk chucker Cy "Screwball" Jones tossed a three-hitter, whiffed three and issued free transportation to first to two Islanders.

FANLING HUNT TO-DAY

The meet of the Fanling Hunt to-day will be at the Sheungshui cross-roads. The meet on Sunday will be at the Hunters' Arms, and Mr. H. C. Mahamara will be "At Home."

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	10	2	.833
Hong Kong Baseballers	10	3	.769
Indians	10	3	.769
Recreio Acca	6	5	.545
Cyclones	7	6	.538
Chinese Baseballers	4	7	.363
Filipinos	2	10	.167
Canadian Chinese	0	12	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.900
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Wahoos	9	4	.692
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblertettes	4	10	.286
Chung Hwa	1	13	.071
Little Flowers	1	13	.071

INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	5	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco Oilers	4	2	.667
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	5	.000

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division League Badminton programme and some teams:—

V. R. C. v. J. R. C.
King's v. Recreio
K. C. C. v. St. John's
Police v. St. Andrew's

Following are the teams:—
KING'S—S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui; K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo.

ST. JOHN'S—H. Eardley and D. Kwok; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson.

RECREIO—A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira; E. A. R. Alves and F. P. Botelho; E. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha.

K.C.C.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones; A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmerman.

V.R.C.—D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-jahn; A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares; F. Castro and A. A. Remedios.

J.R.C.—J. Odell and M. Talan; A. R. Pollak and L. Landau; S. Ramler and B. Godkin.

LITTLE FLOWERS BEATEN DESPITE IMPROVED FORM

By "Grandstand"

RECREIO RAMBLERETTES completed their League fixtures by handing out a 21-9 defeat to Little Flowers in a six-inning fracas, and took things easy right from the start, scoring in every inning on a total of eight safeties, whilst the losers displayed one of their best performances to date featured by head-liner base-running. Gerry Jorge toed the rubber for the Recs. for five frames, fanning three and walking eight, after which third-sacker Lolly Rodrigues took over the pitching duties.

ARMY CROSS COUNTRY RUN

The Hong Kong Area Sports Board held its annual cross-country run yesterday, starting from the Polo ground, Boundary Street. For the first time separate races for Indian and European troops were held, resulting in a win for Hong Kong-Singapore Artillery, in the former and Middlesex in the latter.

Pte. Manson (Royal Scots) was first home in the race for European units, taking 37 mins. 27 secs. over the course. Cpl. Hobson and L/Cpl. Dunne, both of Middlesex, were second and third, respectively, Hobson's time being 37.31. Cpl. Truscott and Sigmund Lithauer, both of Signals, were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Middlesex won the team event. 12 runners of 15 reaching home in the following order: Cpl. Hobson (2), L/Cpl. Dunne (3), Pte. Coomer (6), Dmr. Merton (7), Pte. Hughes (8), Pte. Sturgess (10), Dmr. Onslow (13), P. S. M. Ure (15), Pte. Henderson (18), Pte. Macev (24), Pte. Baker (26), Pte. Robertson (27), totalling 161 points, the lowest ever recorded by a European unit and the first time a European line regiment has been awarded the senior trophy.

Royal Scots were second in the team event, and other units finishing in their respective order were Combined Small Units, Royal Engineers (European and Chinese Sappers), and Royal Ar-

Florintha chucker Lily Rozario went the route and issued one free pass to first. The lone twin killing was made by Campos to Silva to snuff Florintha Nydia Osmund and Inez Soares in the second.

The longest clout was made by Ding Lopes with a triple, chasing in one whilst Redbird Betty Fitzgerald, who was roped in to make up the Florintha team banged out a double, with ducks in the pond.

Canadian Chinese knotted up the League lead once more by blanking Chung Hwa lasses 11-0. Mary Ng toiled on the slab for the Canuckettes and whiffed seven, whilst Chung Hwa moundsman Funglie Law fanned three.

Both hurlers walked three apiece. Both Canuckettes Rene Yuen and Mark Ng had perfect days with the stick, connecting safely every time in four and three batting chances respectively, but the former included two triples.

Two Good Puts

Rosie Louie and Dot Louie were also good for three-baggers, whilst Ulian Khoo connected for a two-bagger. Two double plays featured the Maple Leaf two-error fielding; when Ng and Ma erased Lily Cheung and Lily Siu, and Rosie Louie and Ulian Khoo accounted for D-Chung and Irene Lee.

The other twin killing was made by Chung Hwa ballhawks, Nellie Lee and Irene Lee to retire Wong and Mavis Chang.

tillery. Mrs. McLeod, wife of Brigadier McLeod, presented the trophies and individual prizes.

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The George Cross (the civilian Victoria Cross), for great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty, has been awarded to Temporary Lt. Harold Reginald Newgass, R.N.V.R., it was stated in the London "Gazette" last night. No details are given. — Reuter.

Several New Knights Among Commanders

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD Wavell and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham have been made Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, it was announced in the London "Gazette" last night.

Major-General Richard Nugent O'Connor became Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Murray Longmore becomes Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

All the honours are awarded "in recognition of the recent successful combined operations in the Middle East."

Admiral Cunningham was engaged in much of the work of preparation for the Middle East operations.

Air Commodore Raymond Colishaw becomes Commander of the Bath.

New Knights

Lt-Gen. Wilson becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire.

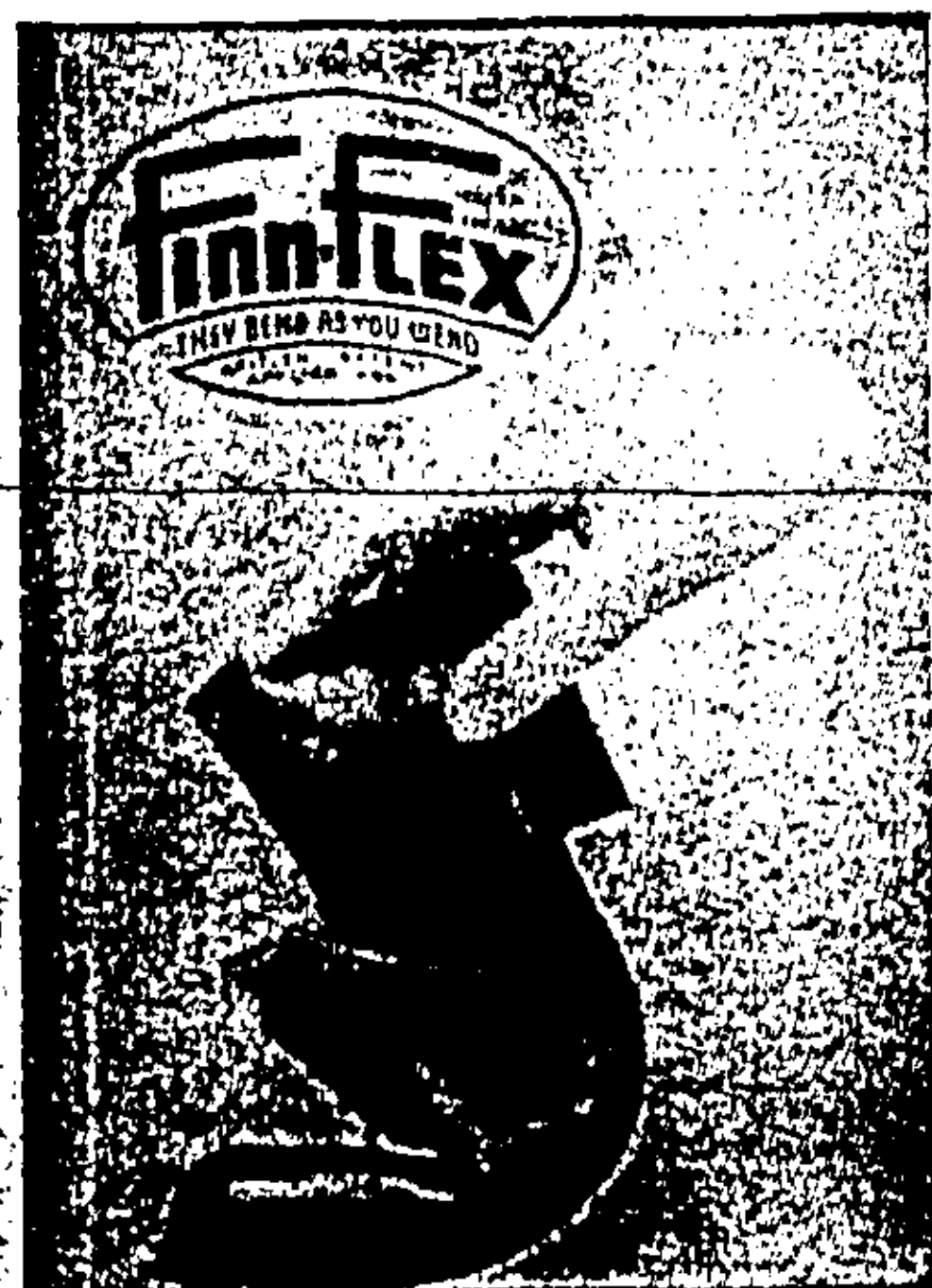
Knights Commander of the same Order are Major-Gen. Beresford-Pearse, Colonel (temporary Major-Gen.) O'Moore Creagh, and Major-Gen. I. G. Mackay, of the Australian Imperial Forces. — Reuter.

133,295 PRISONERS

The British took more than 133,295 prisoners during the 62 days of the Libyan campaign.

This may be compared with the 130,476 Germans which the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War.

Guns captured from the Italians in Cyrenaica total well over 1,200. — Reuter.



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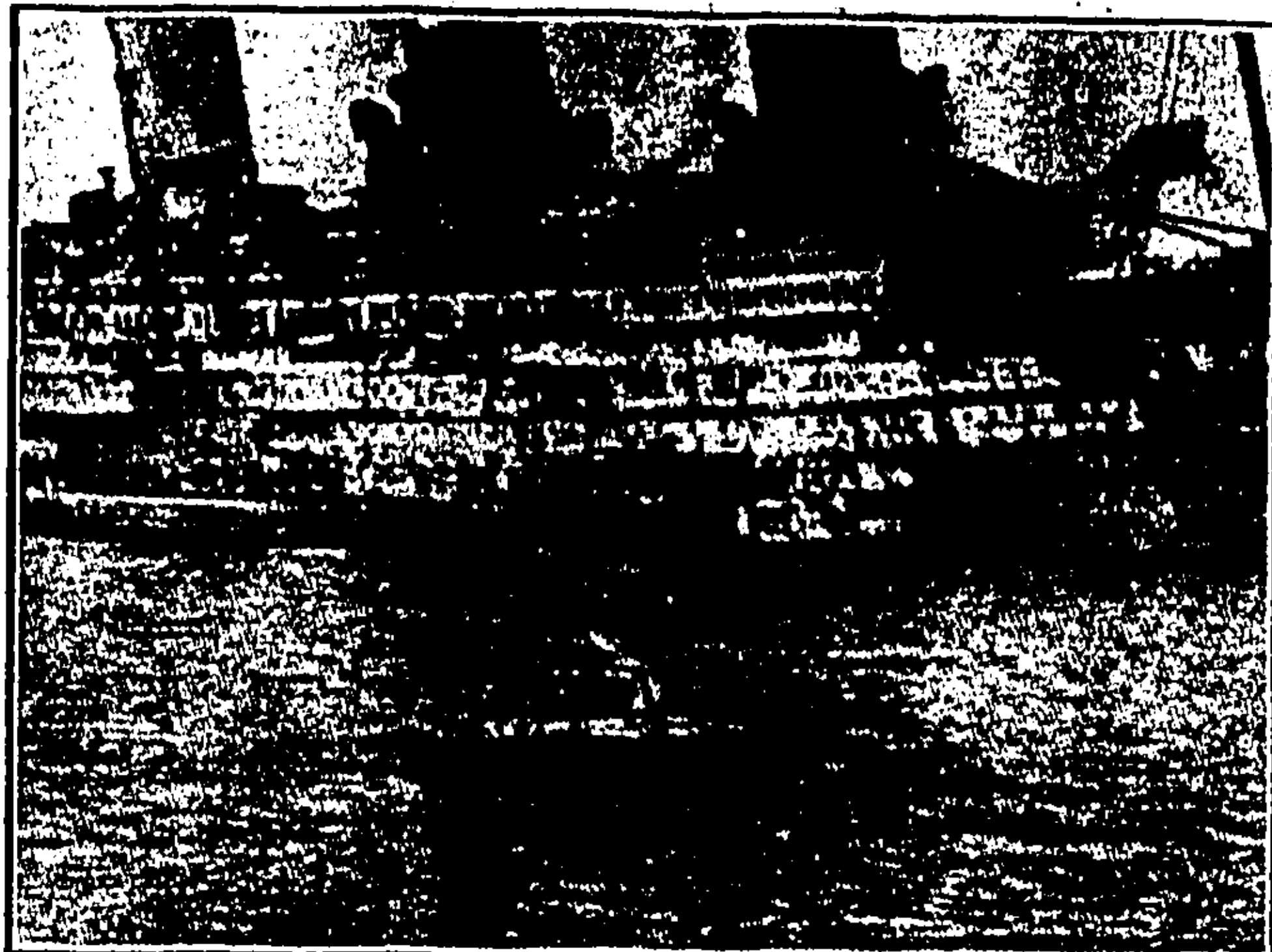
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End Of An Empress: The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, burnt out on the high seas. (Daily Mail Photo).

GEN. SMUTS ARRIVES IN NAIROBI

General Smuts, the South African Premier, arrived in Nairobi yesterday.

General Smuts was met by Lt-Gen. Alan Cunningham, G.O.C. Italian Somaliland front, brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival. — Reuter.

HAVEN'T WE HEARD THIS ONE BEFORE?

A WILHELMSTRASSE OFFICIAL STATED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY THAT "THE DESPATCH OF GERMAN TROOPS TO BULGARIA WAS OCCASIONED BY EVIDENCE IN GERMANY'S POSSESSION ABOUT BRITISH PLANS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE."

"The German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs."

"For such a task troops must be suitably equipped but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task." — Reuter.

CRISIS FACING U.S.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, SAID THE CRISIS NOW FACED BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN SOME WAYS FAR MORE SERIOUS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY THAN THAT EIGHT YEARS AGO.

The President was beginning an unprecedented ninth year at the White House, Inauguration Day being March 4 eight years ago.

The President added that the crisis now was of a different kind — international instead of domestic. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

With the fate of the Indo-China parleys hanging in the balance, the final French reply is expected to-day in Tokyo, where political and diplomatic circles are charged with an atmosphere of keen anticipation and an undercurrent of tension.

The press states that last evening's talk between M. Arsene Henri and Mr. Matsuoka revealed a wide gap between the French and Japanese viewpoints.

The "Asahi" emphasises that France's failure to accept the proposals without reservations would bring a danger of hostilities again flaring up between Thai and Indo-China, as authoritative sources hold that another extension of the armistice is impossible without an understanding.

The nationalist "Kokumin" lashes the French "baseness," alleging that M. Henri again submitted the intermediate counter-proposal which had already been rejected as unfair to Thailand. — Reuter.

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BRITISH ATTACK ON NAZIS IN BULGARIA FORESHADOWED

EFFORT TO CLEAR FAREAST AIR

For the second time in a fortnight Mr. Winston Churchill last night received Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador.

FOLLOWING THEIR 30-MINUTES' CONVERSATION IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS THAT THE TALK GREATLY CLARIFIED THE AIR AND HAS REVEALED THAT GENERAL PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST ARE RESPONSIVE TO UNDERSTANDING TREATMENT, LEARNS REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Shigemitsu handed Mr. Churchill a communication from Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr. Churchill to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr. Matsuoka has now sent a response to Mr. Churchill's observations.

The conversations yesterday were therefore a continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.—Reuter.

MINISTER LEAVING TO-DAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Mr. George Rendel, the British Minister to Bulgaria, is expected to leave Sofia to-day.

Unconfirmed reports state that Britain has already broken off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria.

It is expected that Mr. Rendel will announce that Mr. Earle, the United States Minister, will henceforth take over British interests in Bulgaria.—International News Service.

BERLIN AND MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Berlin quarters yesterday, commenting on the Russian note to Bulgaria on the latter's adherence to the Axis said there was nothing Russia could do about the German entry into Bulgaria and that the protest from Moscow was simply intended for outside consumption.—International News Service.

Greece Diverting Forces To Thrace

(By Earl Reeves, London Correspondent Of International News Service)
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A VIRTUAL PROMISE THAT BRITAIN WILL ATTACK THE GERMAN FORCES IN BULGARIA AS SOON AS ANGLO-BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE SEVERED, CAME FROM INFORMED BRITISH QUARTERS IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

ABSURD RUMOURS ABOUT KING OF GREECE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Informed quarters in Athens last night branded as "absurd," foreign reports that King George of Greece is "retiring" to Crete.—International News Service.

WIDE GAP BETWEEN VICHY AND TOKYO

With the fate of the Indo-China parleys hanging in the balance, the final French reply is expected to-day in Tokyo, where political and diplomatic circles are charged with an atmosphere of keen anticipation and an undercurrent of tension.

The press states that last evening's talk between M. Arsene Henri and Mr. Matsuoka revealed a wide gap between the French and Japanese viewpoints.

The "Asahi" emphasises that France's failure to accept the proposals without reservations would bring a danger of hostilities again flaring up between Thai and Indo-China, as authoritative sources hold that another extension of the armistice is impossible without an under-

standing. They stressed there will be no need to declare war on Bulgaria, since it is already occupied by the Nazis, making it enemy occupied territory.

The British quarters predicted strong British counter-action in the Balkans, eastern Mediterranean and Tripolitania against Nazi activities.

The possibility that planes may be locked in combat over the Black Sea region shortly, may be hastened by the anticipated Anglo-Bulgarian break.

GREECE DIVERTED PART OF HER HARD-FIGHTING FORCE TO THE THRACIAN FRONTIER LAST NIGHT IN ANTICIPATION OF AN IMMINENT GERMAN DRIVE AGAINST SALONIKA.

Simultaneously Turkey concentrated large contingents of crack troops on her side of the Thracian border and transferred territory on each side of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus into an armed camp.

BRITISH COUP ADMITTED

Light British naval forces carried out a raid on an "unfortified" island off northern Norway yesterday morning, states the official German news agency.

"After a short bombardment, which destroyed flying boats, soldiers landed and took prisoner some Germans and some Norwegians."

THE BRITISH VESSELS, IT IS STATED, LEFT NORWEGIAN WATERS AFTER A SHORT STAY.

No official statement on the report is so far available in London.—Reuter.

The nationalist "Kokumin" lashes the French "baseness," alleging that M. Henri again submitted the intermediate counter-proposal which had already been rejected as unfair to Thailand.—Reuter.

JAPAN ASKS FOR FINAL REPLY

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is reported to have asked Vichy to give a final reply to the Japanese mediation proposals by noon to-day.

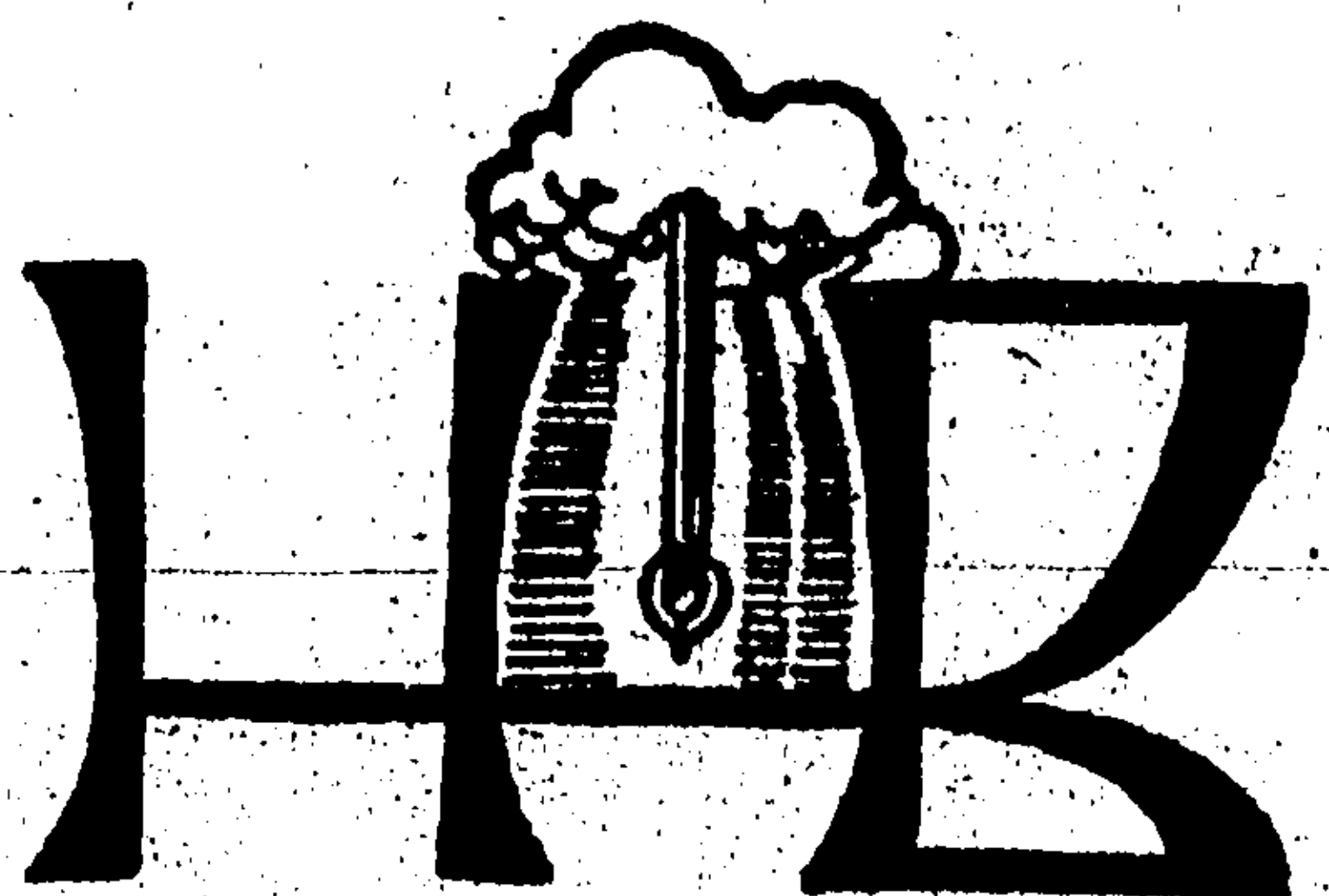
The truce in the frontier war between Thai and Indo-China ends on Friday.

MR. MATSUOKA'S REQUEST. IT IS STATED, WAS MADE WHEN HE SAW LAST NIGHT M. ARSENE HENRI, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

M. Henri is stated to have been non-committal in attitude towards the plan which previously was reported to have been accepted "in principle" by the French Government.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, fresh; overcast, with some drizzle or rain later; warmer.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

SOVIET CRITICAL OF NAZI BULGARIA MOVE

NAZIS REPORT BRITISH BREAK WITH BULGARIA

The German radio announced last night that diplomatic relations between Britain and Bulgaria have been severed.

The British Minister, Mr. George Rendel, was reported to be leaving Bulgaria as soon as final arrangements for his departure are made.—Reuter.

Raid On Calais

A small force of British Coastal Command aircraft successfully attacked docks and railway sidings at Calais on Monday night, says the Air Ministry.

Yesterday, an aircraft of the Coastal Command while on patrol attacked an aerodrome near Brest and shot down an enemy fighter. Confirmation was also received yesterday of the destruction of four enemy aircraft in recent operations.

A bomber crashed off the Devon coast on Monday, and two were shot down during the night, one by anti-aircraft fire at Cardiff and the other by British fighters over an aerodrome in northern France.

A fourth (a fighter) was shot down by a bomber over Germany.—Reuter.

"GHOST" IN BEDROOM

"I begged him to have pity. I said we were only two girls, and asked him what he wanted."

Mrs. Beatrice Lay Southcliffe—who holds the licence of the Crown Hotel, Bath, while her husband is serving in the Forces abroad—told the Bath magistrates that she said this to a man who, shrouded in a white sheet, was alleged to have entered at 2.20 a.m. a bedroom in which she was sleeping with her sister, Miss Elsie E. Double, a solicitor's clerk.

"When I opened the bedroom door I saw a white figure and I thought it was a ghost," she added. "He jumped at me and I fell backwards."

Accused was Leonard Henry Weatherhead, twenty-four, of Redruth, Cornwall, and he was charged with intending to commit an offence against Mrs. Southcliffe, with assaulting her and with stealing a cigarette case.

Used Old Sword

Evidence was that in the struggle in the bedroom the women used a kettle, a toasting fork and an old sword to defend themselves.

Weatherhead, in evidence, said Mrs. Southcliffe's sister asked him where he was going to sleep that night while he was in the bar, and said something about having a spare bedroom.

His only excuse was drink. The first charge was dismissed for lack of evidence, and on the remaining three charges Weatherhead was found guilty and remanded for twenty-one days for medical supervision.

Speculation In London

THE IMPORTANT STATEMENT BROADCAST FROM MOSCOW IN REGARD TO THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA HAS GIVEN RISE TO MUCH COMMENT IN DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN LONDON, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

There is nothing, however, to suggest it means more than it says, namely, that the Soviet Government does not share the views of the Bulgarian Government that its attitude will lead to the preservation of peace.

Consequently the Soviet Government is unable to support the Bulgarian Government in the prosecution of its present policy.

It is an obvious rebuke to the Government of Bulgaria and gives a contradiction to those Bulgarian papers which were spreading reports that Russia was in full agreement with the latest developments.

It must be recalled that the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in his speech at Vienna in signing the Tripartite Pact, reaffirmed his resolve to develop further the traditional friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

Not Mollified

This statement, which incidentally was ignored by Ribbentrop in his reply, does not seem to have mollified Moscow in any way.

Significant nature of the broadcast is that it was renewed in several languages and on more than one occasion.

More will have to be known of the true circumstances and underlying motives of the Soviet statement before any considered judgment would be possible so far as British quarters are concerned.

Nazis Blamed

It is clear that an opportunity has been taken in the statement to underline the Soviet's attitude of non-involvement in the struggle and her desire that operations should not be extended.

BY IMPLICATION, BLAME FOR THE SPREAD OF THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN PUT ON THE GERMANS' SHOULDERS, AS THE STATEMENT CLEARLY IMPLIES THAT THE OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA IS AN EXTENSION OF OPERATIONS.—REUTER.

FOR PLUCK AT SEA

Officers and men of the Merchant Navy and fishing fleet who display exceptional gallantry at sea in war-time are to be awarded a new medal by Lloyd's.

It will be known as the "Lloyd's War Medal for Bravery at Sea," and has been approved by the Admiralty and Ministry of Shipping.

Designed by Mr. Allan G. Wyon, it has a ribbon in blue and silver similar to that of the Ribbon for Lloyd's Meritorious Medal but with the colours reversed.

Heroic Figure

Members of Mr. Wyon's family have designed all Lloyd's medals. The first was instituted in 1830.

The new medal has on one side a heroic figure symbolising courage and endurance, seated, and looking out over the sea. In the distance is a vessel of the Merchant Marine. The inscription is "Awarded by Lloyd's."

On the other side a trident symbolising sea power is surrounded by an endless wreath of oak leaves and acorns. On a ribbon across the centre is the single word: "Bravery."

Japan's Oceania Claims

The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, last week, in which he was reported as stating that "the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics," has provoked a long statement from the Domei news agency.

The agency says the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr. Matsuoka's speech.

It also says that Mr. Matsuoka's actual words were: "It is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races a chance to emigrate to and develop Oceania at least."—Reuter.

CRISIS FACING U.S.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, SAID THE CRISIS NOW FACED BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN SOME WAYS FAR MORE SERIOUS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY THAN THAT EIGHT YEARS AGO.

The President was beginning an unprecedented ninth year at the White House, Inauguration Day being March 4 eight years ago.

The President added that the crisis now was of a different kind—international instead of domestic.—Reuter.

EIRE SEEKING ARMS IN AMERICA

Mr. Frank Aiken, Eire Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States to-day by air to examine the possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources in Dublin quoted by Reuter.

U.S. PILOTS IN R.C.A.F.

Mr. Leonard Brockington, co-seller of the Canadian Cabinet's War Committee, said in a speech in New York that "of all the men training as gunners, observers and pilots in the R. C. A. F. seven per cent. are United States citizens."—Reuter.



Newgate Street was selected for the first dynamiting operations by Royal Engineers in the City. Dangerous walls are being demolished in this way following the "fire blitz." Here is a remarkable picture of the explosion during the dynamiting in Newgate Street, showing St. Paul's Cathedral in background. (Copyright, Fox).

SHARP AIR CLASHES IN THE CORFU AREA

FIVE ENEMY AIRCRAFT were shot down by R.A.F. fighters in the Corfu area on Monday, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which states:

"Greece and Albania—a small formation of R.A.F. fighters patrolling in the vicinity of Corfu on Monday intercepted Italian Caproni 007's (Italy's new three-engined long-distance bombers) and shot two of them down into the sea.

"A few minutes later the same squadron of our fighters encountered another formation of the same type which were returning from a raid on Larissa. Three of these aircraft were also shot down.

"Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. also attacked motor transport concentrations in the Tepolini area.

"Italian East Africa—continued support has been given our advancing troops. The fort at Burge has been heavily bombed and enemy positions machine-gunned.

Asmara Raid

"The landing ground at Asmara was machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of a South African squadron and several enemy aircraft damaged.

"On the return journey enemy motor transport near Habi Mantel was attacked and several vehicles set on fire. "From all these operations our aircraft returned safely."—Reuter.

HITLER'S LAST BID IN TURKEY

Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was yesterday received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler, states Ankara radio.

The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for this act of courtesy." "Dr. Sarsjoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview, which took place at the President's castle at Chamkaya near Ankara."—Reuter.

MOPPING UP IN SOMALILAND

Forces Advance 170 Miles Beyond Capital

Moving Towards Abyssinian Border

THE BRITISH MAIN ADVANCE IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND, STATED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique continues by saying that subsidiary operations are continuing towards the south-east frontier of Abyssinia where, on March 1, a further 1,000 prisoners were taken.

Ischia Baidoa and Bulmo Buti, the capture of which was officially announced in Nairobi earlier, are both about 170 miles north-west and due north, respectively, of Mogadiscio.

Large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all kinds continue to be discovered and it will take considerable time to assess the amount of captured material.

Total number of prisoners captured is now approaching 10,000, declares a Nairobi communique.

These captures, the communique says, and the destruction of enemy formations on the River Juba, give the lie to the statement by the Italians that Italian Somaliland has been voluntarily evacuated.

Our Casualties

Our casualties since the beginning of this offensive in the whole of East Africa, from Feb. 12 to Feb. 27, are 50 killed, 146 wounded and two missing.

Meanwhile, with the surrender of Kufra Oasis, in southern Libya, yet another holy place has been freed from the Italian invader.

To complete the operations resulting in capture of the oasis, a party of Free French forces marched 500 miles from their desert base.

How To Dispose ?

Contact was originally made with the Italian garrison early in February, and on one occasion an enemy attack was heavily repulsed.

The military spokesman in Cairo told Reuter yesterday: "The only two oases, Kufra and Gera-bue, which might conceivably threaten the Allies, have been put out of action."

"Immediate problem is how to dispose of the thousand prisoners captured and they will possibly be disarmed and left at Kufra."

The Free French authorities have no information about the final assault on Kufra but admit it was taken against vastly superior numbers.—Reuter.

FALSE PRETENCES

CHARGED WITH OBTAINING \$70 BY FALSE PRETENCES FROM CHOI CHUN-CHUEN, MASTER OF A WOLFRAM SHOP, LIN KWONG, 25, TRAVELLING TRADER, AND LUI PUI-SANG, 40, WERE SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS' HARD LABOUR AND RECOMMENDED FOR BANISHMENT BY H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston said that accused, with others not in custody, approached complainant on February 28 with a letter purporting to have been written by a customer in Chinese territory. The letter requested him to advance \$70 to accused and the others.

After the money was paid, complainant noticed that the chop on the letter did not correspond with the chop which had been regularly used by the customer.

GEN. SMUTS ARRIVES IN NAIROBI

General Smuts, the South African Premier, arrived in Nairobi yesterday.

General Smuts was met by Lt.-Gen. Alan Cunningham, G.O.C. Italian Somaliland front, brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Ryneveld, the Union's Chief of Staff, with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone maintains its intensity, and is moving eastward; it now extends from Manchuria to south Japan, pressure being highest over Korea.

A depression is situated to the north-east of Hokkaido, and pressure is falling over North China.

PLACED UNDER BRITISH MILITARY JURISDICTION

LT.-GEN. CUNNINGHAM, G.O.C., British forces in East Africa, yesterday issued a formal proclamation covering the government of the occupied territories.

These territories include all those "formerly ruled, claimed or occupied by the Italian Government in Ethiopia and Somaliland." These have been placed under military jurisdiction.

In the course of the proclamation, Lt.-Gen. Cunningham warns that actions against the public peace or the British forces will be punishable by death or by lesser penalties.

It concludes: "All existing laws, customs, rights and properties in the said territory will be fully respected insofar as they are consistent with the proclamation."

"So long as the inhabitants remain peaceable and comply with my orders they will be subjected to no more interference than I consider essential to the performance of my duties. And they need have no fear." — Reuter.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE TO GREECE

An official statement regarding Germany's attitude towards Greece was handed to foreign journalists in Berlin yesterday.

It stated: "Now, as hitherto, diplomatic relations exist between Berlin and Athens but general relations between the two countries can hardly be described as good, since Greece has harnessed herself to British interests."

—Reuter.

N.Z. HOME DEFENCE

INCLUDING THE HOME GUARD AND MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN TRAINING, NEW ZEALAND SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN 100,000 MEN AVAILABLE TO DEFEND HER SHORES IN A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, STATED THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. PETER FRASER, IN A SPEECH IN WELLINGTON YESTERDAY.

Well over 30,000 New Zealanders, he added, were serving overseas in the three Services and a large proportion of New Zealand's adult population was actively engaged in national war service in one form or another.—Reuter.

RESULT OF RUMANIA PLEBISCITE

It was officially announced in Bucharest yesterday that the final result of the Rumanian plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy (says a German wireless message) was as follows:—

"Yes" 2,018,000
"No" 2,558

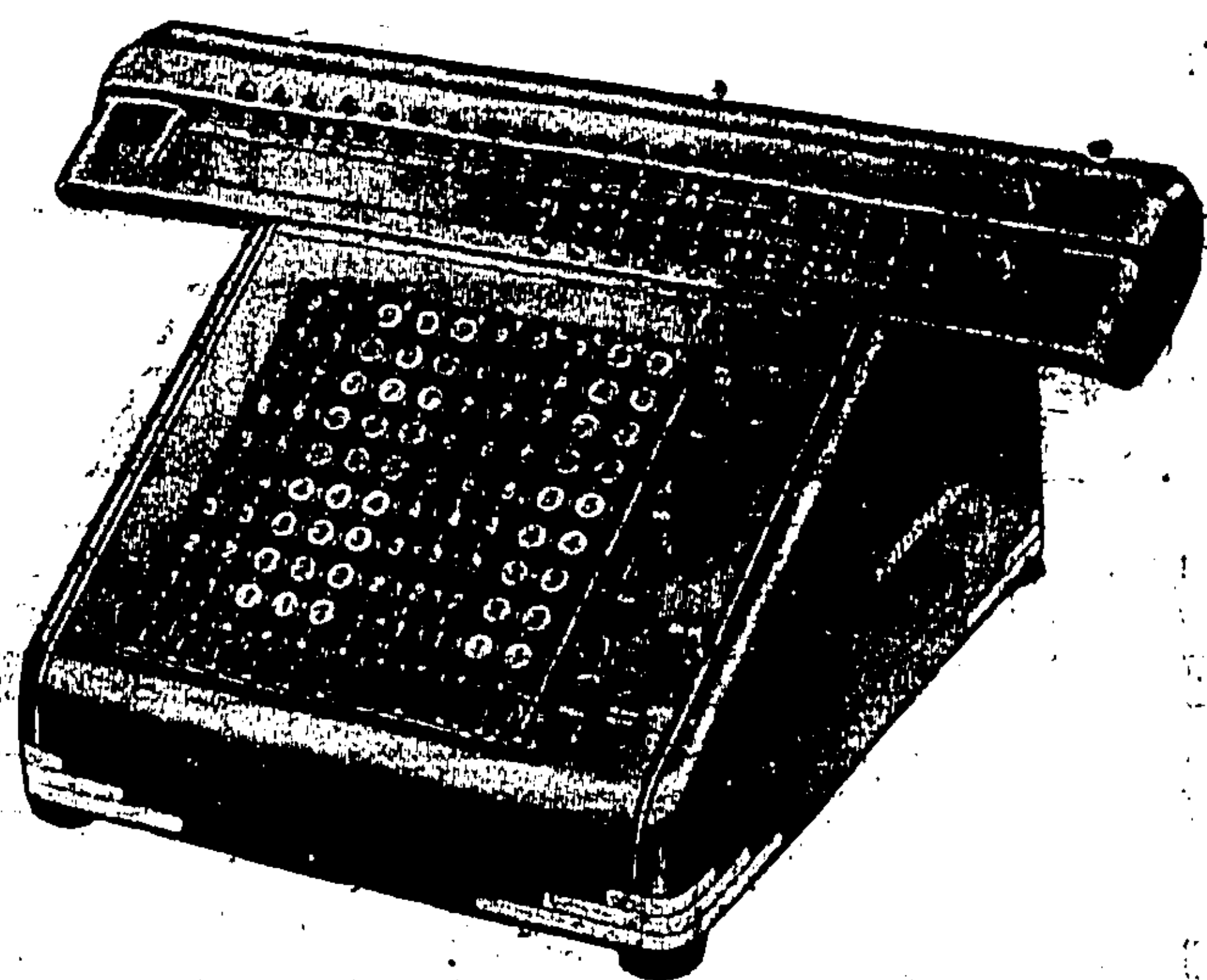
—Reuter.



The latest fashion in the canine world — "blitzkrieg" shoes for dogs are being made by the Dumb Friends League to protect them from broken glass caused by air raids. Photo shows a dog being fitted with his "walking out" shoes. (Copyright, Fox).

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TREMENDOUS NAVAL EXPANSION OF THE GREAT POWERS

STRIKING EVIDENCE of the ever-growing naval expansion of the great powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet, is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships," published in London yesterday, and which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world to-day.

Despite wartime censorship and secrecy the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleship, "King George V," in which Lord Halifax went to America, of the new Nazi battleships "Bismarck" and "Tirpitz" and details about other powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets.

A war loss section is included for the first time since 1919, and gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

Britain's losses in big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small vessels, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace.

Britain also lost 36 destroyers and 23 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

Germany's fleet was reduced by one pocket battleship, the "Graf Spee," four cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

EXCLUDING THE DAMAGE AT TARANTO, ITALY LOST A CRUISER, SEVEN DESTROYERS AND AT LEAST 30 SUBMARINES.

New Battleships

Of the world's new capital ships under construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships, are of at least 35,000 tons, while 20, if not more, are 40,000 tons or over, the latter including four British of the "Lion" class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

The United States has 17 battleships building or on order, and it is suggested that some of these may have the huge displacement of 52,000 tons.

Other items in the American building programme include 12 aircraft-carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

Germany's U-Boats

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called "Friedrich der Grosse" and "Hindenburg," while reports that the battleships "Bismarck" and "Tirpitz" are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.—Reuter.

VISITORS TO KING

THE KING GAVE AUDIENCES YESTERDAY TO THREE IMPORTANT STATESMEN.

First was General de Gaulle, Leader of Free France. It was the first time the King had received General de Gaulle, though he had met him when he inspected Free French units last autumn.

Second visitor was President Roosevelt's unofficial representative, Col. William Donovan.

The third visitor was Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

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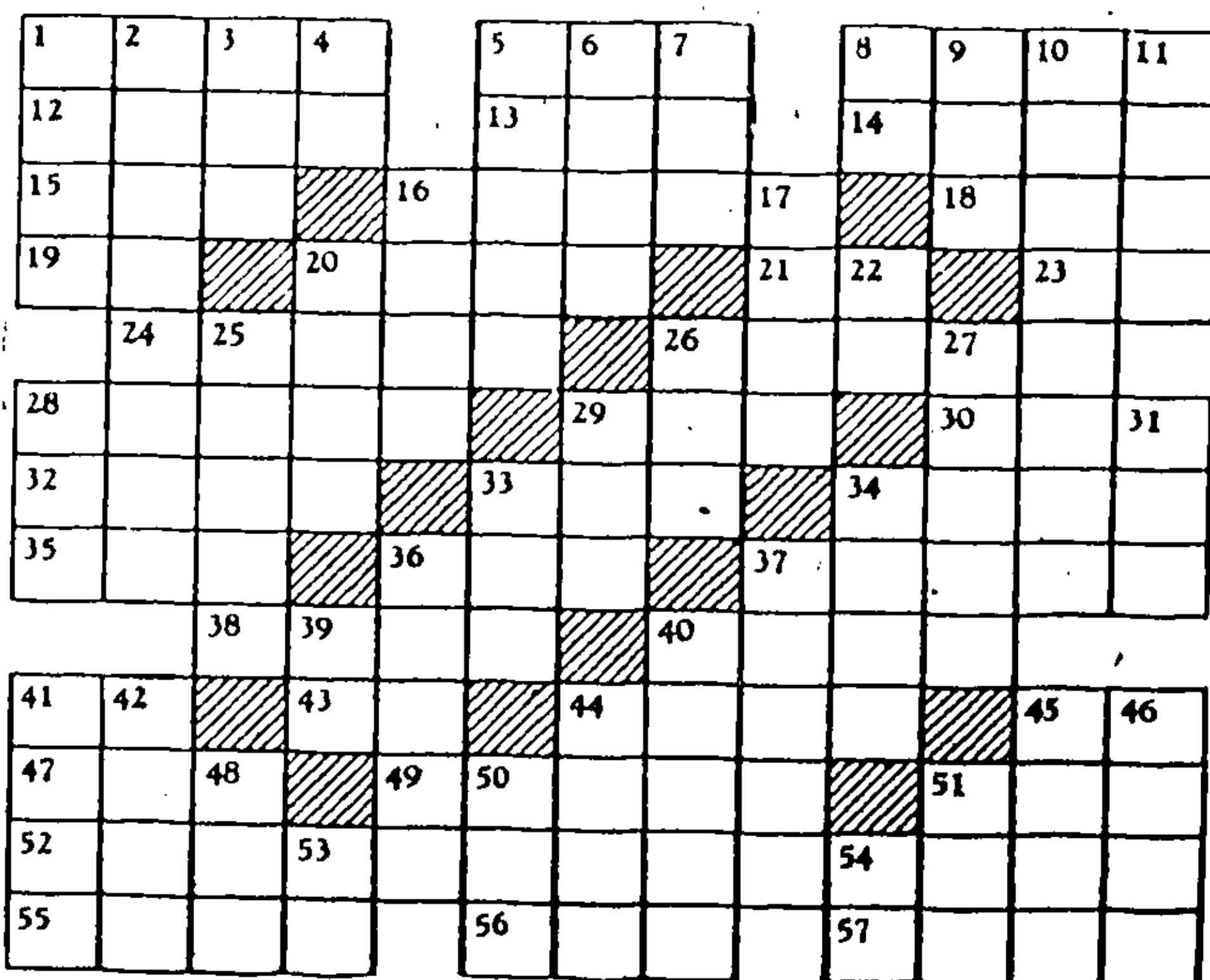
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Highest point
- 5 Poisonous snake
- 8 Old horse
- 12 Son of Jacob
- 13 River in England
- 14 Mohammedan prince
- 15 Before
- 16 Perfect
- 18 Edible mollusk
- 19 Part of "to be"
- 20 Stride
- 21 Babylonian deity
- 23 Symbol for cerium
- 24 Compound ether
- 26 Subsequent to
- 28 After a while
- 29 Feline
- 30 Levantine sailing vessel
- 32 Entry
- 33 To batter
- 34 Highlander
- 35 Music: three
- 36 Prohibition
- 37 Song
- 38 Cupid
- 40 To entice
- 41 Artificial language

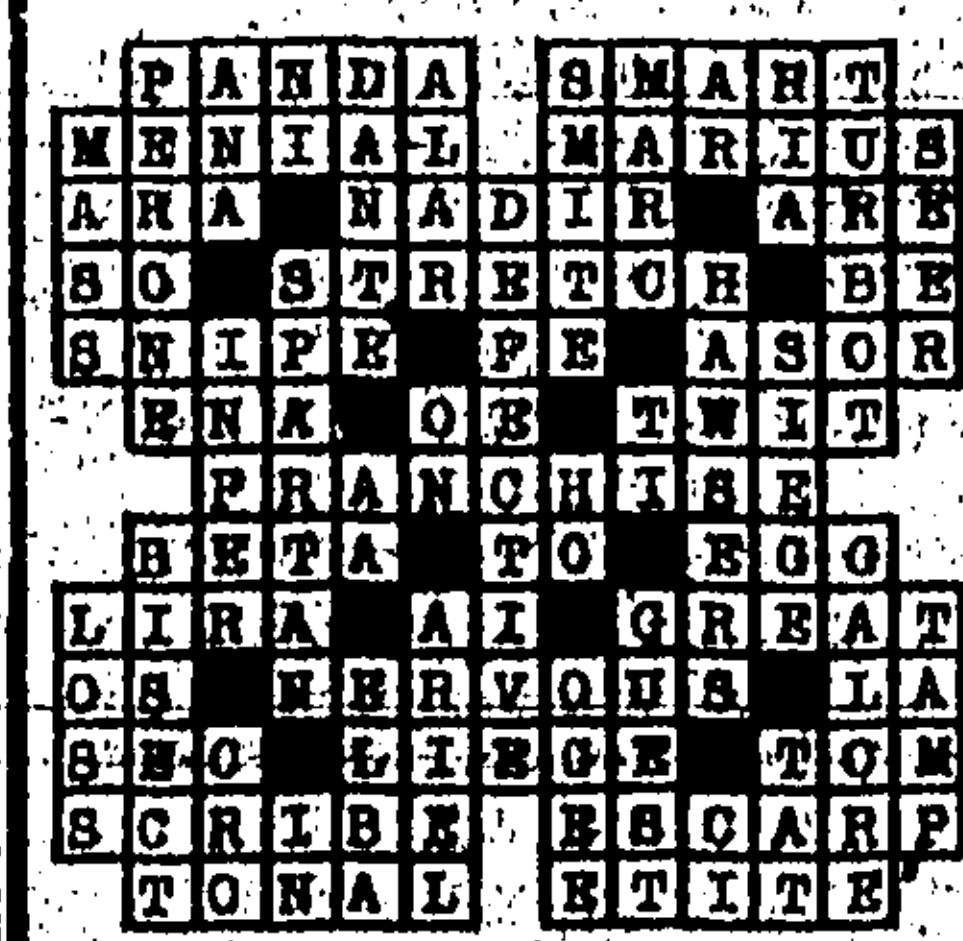
VERTICAL

- 43 Symbol for actinium
- 44 Heartwood
- 45 What?
- 47 Beverage
- 49 Mohammedan nymph name
- 51 Moslem name
- 52 Being at right angles to the plane of the horizon

VERTICAL

- 1 Appellation of Athena
- 2 To saturate
- 3 First woman
- 4 Eleven
- 5 Viper
- 6 To leak
- 7 Edible seed

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



8 German for "yes"

- 9 Wine cup
- 10 Prudent
- 11 Great Lake
- 16 Brain passage
- 17 Deserted
- 20 To check
- 22 By
- 25 Metric measure
- 26 Dutch weight
- 27 Growing out
- 28 Illumined
- 29 Is able to
- 31 Insect
- 33 Ethiopian
- 34 River in Arizona
- 36 French slang: German
- 37 Style of architecture
- 39 Egyptian deity
- 40 City in Italy
- 41 Engrossed
- 42 Butter substitute
- 44 Fop
- 45 Dash
- 46 To engage
- 48 To blunder
- 50 Unit
- 51 Wing
- 53 Colloquial: father
- 54 You and me

CREATING AN INDIAN AIR FORCE

"How young Indians from civil life are being trained as ground personnel for the Indian Air Force, was shown me when I visited the school of air force technical training at Amballa," writes Reuter's special correspondent.

There are several hundred air men under training, recruited from all over India, including all castes and creeds.

The school covers an extraordinary variety of training and only men with extremely good educational qualifications are accepted.

The basic training course, including instruction in the duties of flight mechanic, flight rigger, carpenter, electrician, wireless operator, photographer and many others, lasts for six months, after which the airman qualifies and goes to a unit.

Keen Competition

Owing to the rapidity of the expansion of the Indian Air Force prospects are very good and there is keen competition for enlistment, it being realised that the expert training given will subsequently be invaluable in peacetime.

I visited various workshops where tuition was proceeding, and after seeing for myself how intensely absorbed the recruits were in the work, I felt my guide spoke truly when he paid the spontaneous tribute "All those lads are keen as mustard." — Reuter.

RAIDS BY SOUTH AFRICANS

Raids by the South African Air Force were recorded in a communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The communique says that on Saturday and Sunday, South African planes carried out raids in southern Abyssinia.

First a fortified position north of Havello was bombed and the following day a bombing raid was made on positions near Cabatam several direct hits being scored and hostile rifle fire silenced.

Pilots on reconnaissance flights over Italian Somaliland report that natives in the Lugh Ferrandi area were carrying white flags.—Reuter.

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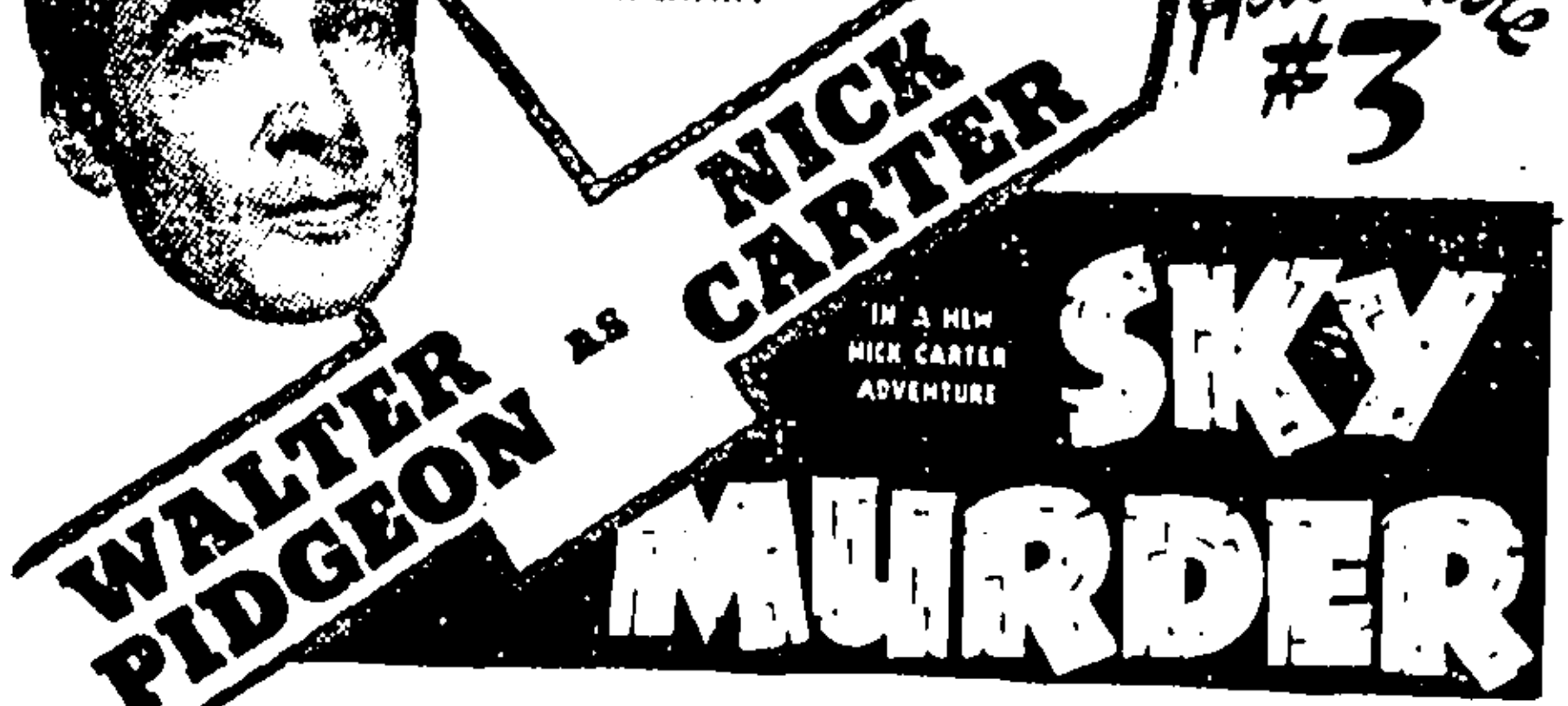
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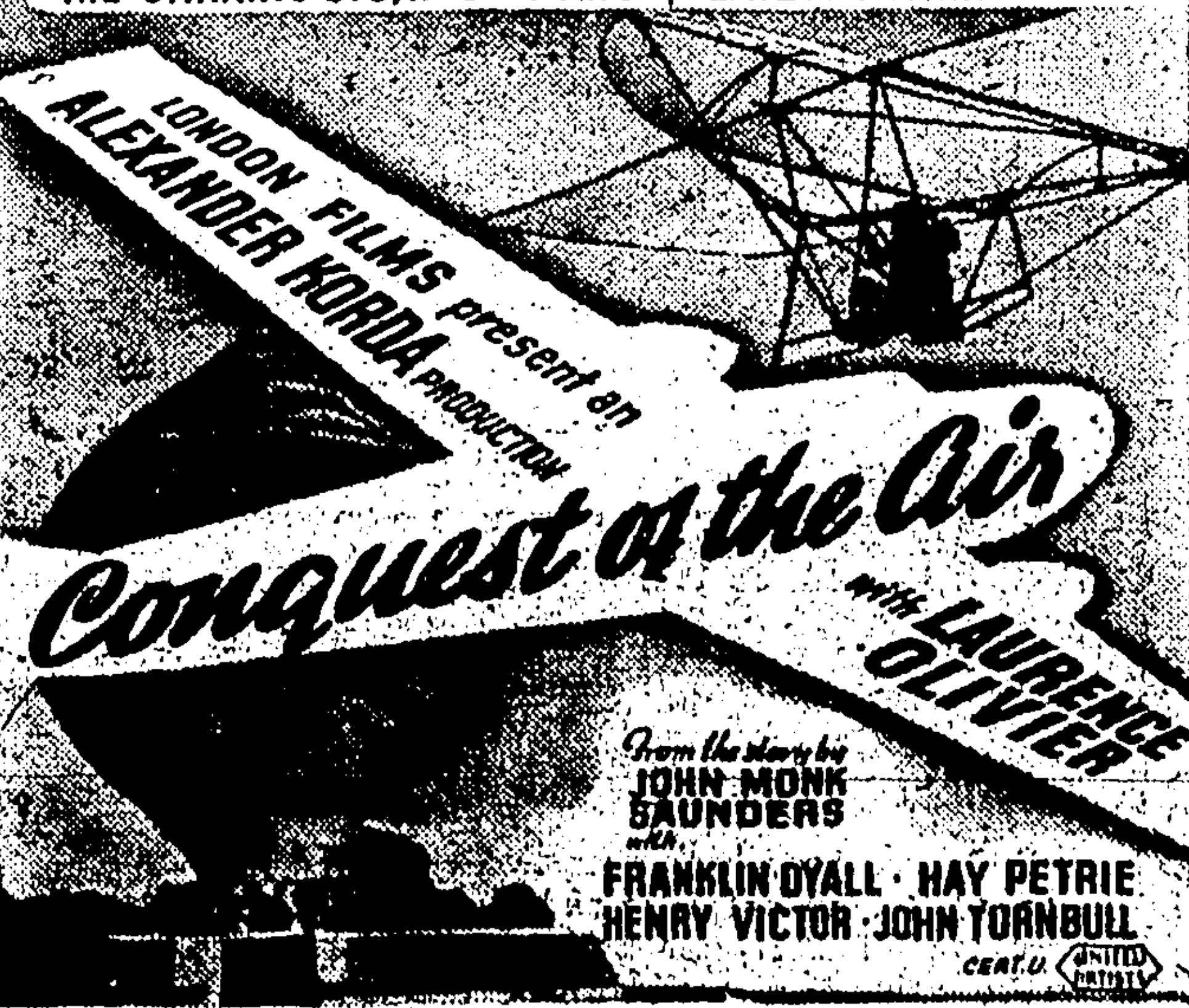
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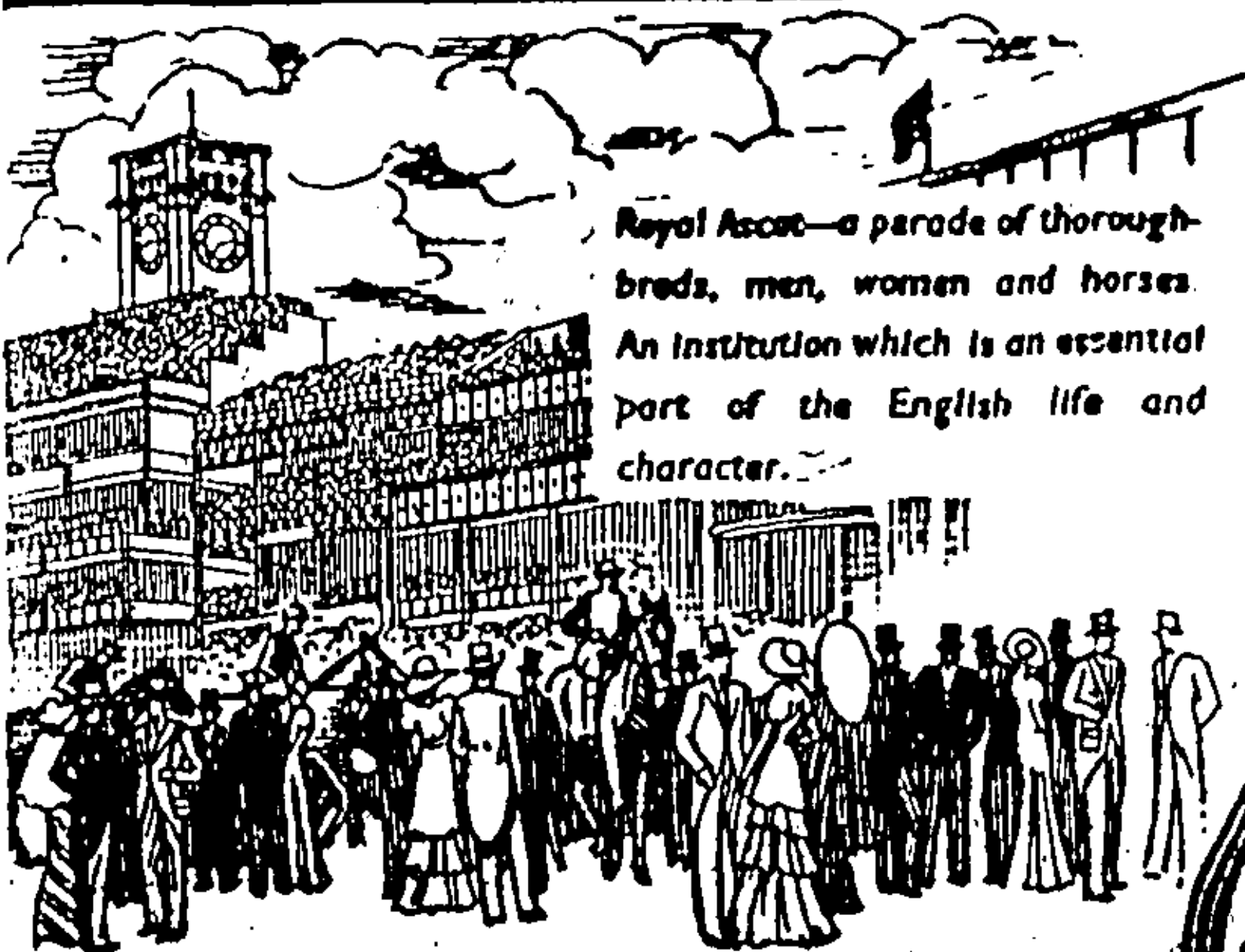
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AMERICAN EXPERT IN LONDON AFTER WIDE FACT-FINDING TOUR

WITH THE unique experience of having in little more than two months studied the war situation on all fronts and discussed current political, military and economic problems with statesmen, soldiers, sailors, air-men and other experts in 14 countries, Col. Donovan is now in London preparing for his return within the next few days to the United States, where he will report to Col. Knox.

Col. Donovan began his tour on December 26 and in the interval has had ample opportunity of examining the political, economic and strategic position in the Mediterranean, which was one of the prime objects of his visit to Europe.

Mediterranean problems have in the past attracted but relatively little attention in America, where wider questions affecting the two oceans which wash the shores of the United States have been the main preoccupation.

Col. Donovan's inquiries have in a large part been directed to an investigation of the impact of Mediterranean problems on those of the Atlantic and, indirectly, on the Pacific.

He began this inquiry with an exhaustive study of the defences of Gibraltar, where he also discussed with Admiral Somerville the more general aspects of the whole subject.

War Experience

Apart from his own experience as a soldier in the last war, Col. Donovan has visited battle fronts on other occasions and he saw the Abyssinian war from the Italian side and the Spanish Civil War from the side of General Franco.

During his present tour extensive visits have been made along North Africa and he was at Bardia shortly after its fall.

He was in Tobruk at Australian Army Headquarters when plans for what proved to be a further victorious advance were being developed.

In Egypt he had long conversations with General Wavell, Sir Arthur Longmore and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

Greek Talks

In Greece he met political leaders and visited army commanders at the front where, it is understood, the high morale and frugal conditions under which all ranks of their hardy troops are operating made a deep impression on the visitor.

Col. Donovan, who has a reputation for great mastery of details, was able during his brief visits to Sofia and Belgrade, to appreciate some of the difficulties which will confront the Nazis in their Balkan adventure.

In Turkey he had conversations not only with Turkish military and political chiefs but with some of the British staff officers who were there for consultations last month.

Syria Rejection

He had planned to pass through Syria on his return to Egypt but on orders from Vichy he was turned back at the frontier and flew to Cairo via Palestine.

While in Cairo on this occasion Col. Donovan discussed the situation with Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill.

A flying visit was paid to Baghdad where, among others, Col. Donovan met the Mufti.

On his return via Malta to the western Mediterranean he visited Madrid and had a long talk with Senor Sener and Lisbon where he met Dr. Salazar.

During his 16,000 miles tour Col. Donovan has collected an immense amount of material upon which his report, which will no doubt reach President Roosevelt after it has been studied by Colonel Knox, will be based.—British Wireless

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The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations and subscriptions: Ho Kom Tong \$500 (Part proceeds Charity Theatrical Performances) Dr. R. S. Begbie \$100, Shum Wai Yau \$100, I. M. Loo \$100, M. Y. Tang \$100, Dr. D. K. P. Samy \$25, Nell E. Elliott \$10, James Bertram \$6, M. C. Tang \$5, Cynthia Liao \$5, Kathleen I. Lynn \$5, B. Wong Tape \$5, Mrs. B. Wong Tape \$5, Lam Shiu Kwong \$5 and Dr. (Mrs.) Frommer \$5.

SHOPLIFTER SENTENCED

Charged with stealing wool from the Sun Company, Kwok Siu-hung, 32, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning.

CHUNGKING

OFFICIAL ABDUCTED

The President of the Second Branch of the Kiangsu High Court in the International Settlement of Shanghai and the legal adviser of Chungking's Central Bank of China, Mr. Hsu Wei-chen, was kidnapped, probably by Nanking elements, last night.—Reuter.

BILL OF HEALTH

Thirty-nine cases of tuberculosis, four of measles, and two each of diphtheria, typhoid and dysentery, were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

VIOLENT NAZI RAID DEFEATED

AN ATTEMPTED HEAVY GERMAN AIR RAID ON A SOUTH WALES TOWN LAST NIGHT WAS FOILED BY FIRE-BOMB FIGHTERS WHO DEALT WITH NUMEROUS INCENDIARY BOMBS SO PROMPTLY THAT AFTER SOME HOURS OF CONSIDERABLE ENEMY ACTIVITY NO SERIOUS ATTACK DEVELOPED.

Flares and thousands of incendiaries were dropped but up to a late hour there were no important fires and no reports of high explosive bombs.

London had a slight attack which ended before midnight. Anti-aircraft fire was augmented by the terrific fire of naval guns at a south coast town. Raiders were apparently attacking shipwrecks in the Channel.

Two enemy machines were heard in difficulties and appeared to be dropping towards the sea.

During the day air activity was small.—Reuter.

Greatly Exaggerated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The B.B.C. reported today that the German raid over Cardiff was not so serious as was previously reported.

Berlin claims that thousands of incendiary bombs had been dropped causing considerable damage appears greatly exaggerated.—International News Service.

ITALIAN BOMB DOES GOOD TURN

Ancient tombs have been discovered near the Siwa oasis, in the Libyan desert, as the result of the explosion of an Italian bomb.

Excavations are to be made around the crater, and further important discoveries are expected to be made.—Reuter.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

THE SHATAUKOK POLICE STATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES NARROWLY ESCAPED YESTERDAY WHEN A TREE ONLY 10 YARDS AWAY WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND SPLIT INTO TWO.

The incident occurred at 10.30 a.m. and all the electric wires in the station were fused.

The telephone wires were also affected and communication was disrupted until repairs were made.

IN PROHIBITED AREA AT NIGHT

Arrested by the Military Authorities and handed over to the Police, Ho Chu, coxswain, was charged at the Marine Court this morning with entering a prohibited and controlled area during the night with his two junks while the port was closed.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 or one month's imprisonment by Commander J. Jolly, Harbour Master.

For failing to take out a licence for her boat, Tam Ngan was fined \$5 or seven days.

ARTILLERY BATTLE IN ALBANIA

Intense artillery action on the Albanian front was reported by Athens radio yesterday.

An Italian tank was hit by Greek gunfire and burst into flames, the crew being killed.—Reuter.

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COMMUNIST FRICTION IN CHINA

Absence of the Communist delegates from the sessions of the People's Political Council in Chungking serves one useful purpose. It exposes what many of the closest sympathisers of Free China have been at pains trying to hide: That the essential points of disagreement between the Government and the Communists go deeper than it has been comfortable to admit. That is not to suggest that the difficulties cannot even yet be ironed out. There is one solid issue on which both Chungking and Yen-an can agree, the vital necessity of continued resistance to Japanese aggression.

Between conflicting arguments from both sides as to the merits of the dispute, there is clear suggestion that the faults, such as they are, do not lie entirely on one side or the other. That in its turn implies the necessity for a spirit of give and take if a happy solution of an unfortunate development is to be found.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek came to a working arrangement with the Communists because he realised that it was only by a supreme united effort that China could hope to resist Japan successfully. There had to be an end to all fratricidal strife. But the price paid for this national unity it is now contended is the danger of Communist influence spreading over an ever-widening area. It is being said, in fact, that the fear of Communist expansion in North China is the most disturbing factor in the mind of the Central Government. But it would be China's greatest tragedy if an irreparable split occurred at this stage in her united front. And nothing would serve Japan's interests better.

SCUTTLED !



IN THE TRUE NAZI TRADITION

"Crusade For Civilisation"

Dr. Esme Wingfield Stratford in his book, "Crusade for Civilisation" (Routledge, 7s. 6d.) shows that present-day "Imperialisms" are the totalitarian nations and that the ambitions of all peoples should be free association by the tie of mutual consent. In comparing a commonwealth to the League of Nations, the author writes:—

"Our world commonwealth of the future must have something more to bind it together than a mere formal constitution like that of the League. It is not even certain that it will need to have a constitution at all. The British Commonwealth gets on well enough, and far better than the League, without anything of the sort, unless we are to speak of the occasional imperial conferences as a sort of token organisation.

"It is, I would submit, an entirely false idea, and one of which the Commonwealth is a standing disproof, that international unity cannot be effected without some sort of super-State machinery, or what our ancestors would have called a social contract. There are even thinkers like Mr. H. G. Wells, of whom one cannot speak without the deepest respect, who will not be content without a world cabinet, with ministers and departments all complete.

they hopefully assume, will be at the permanent beck and call of the League politicians.

"The pros and cons of such schemes may furnish a good enough evening's entertainment for a debating society, or fill out a lively pamphlet, but to wait till one of them—whatever its merits in the abstract—has the remotest chance of materialising, is to wait for the Greek calends. The most of the sort that any practical man will dare to envisage is the putting together again, and perhaps a certain reinforcement, of the broken-down machinery at Geneva.

"This time, perhaps, it may be got to work, given the spirit to work it. But given that spirit, the League, or Commonwealth, may be trusted, at a pinch, to dispense with any machinery at all, and to thrive as a gentleman's agreement between gentlemen. But this time there must be none of the opposite sort to wreck it. Membership must be confined to those who have the objects of the association at heart, and in whose good faith it is reasonably possible to confide.

"My own belief, for what it is worth, is in trusting wholly, or as much as possible, to the team spirit of spontaneous and free cooperation between free peoples. Get on with the good work of civilisation; get into the habit of working together, and having tasted of its benefits, let practice make perfect.



No Ground For Hope

"It was the habit of the Spartans, the Nazis of classical Greece," says Dr. Wingfield Stratford, in his chapter "Whither Germany," "to declare a perpetual state of war on their helots, just as the Germans do, by implication, on Jews, Poles, Czechs, and all such. But are we not coming very close to the same thing, when we argue

that it is not the Nazi regime from which we are fighting to deliver Germany, but that the German people itself is the enemy, and that Hitlerism has to be accepted as the permanent sub-conscious faith and religion of every German, which only force, continuously applied, can prevent from coming to the surface?

"This belief, which would leave no ground for hope except in the extermination or perpetual helotage of the entire German people, is the most suicidal form of propaganda.

"Even those of us who have not yet travelled in Southern or Western Germany, those who are too young to look back to the time when leaders of British culture could look to Germany as a spiritual home, ought to know better than to speak of the countrymen of Goethe, of Beethoven, of Dürer, of Martin Luther, as a species of barbarians and Huns, or as having, within the span of one mortal life, become Prussianised past praying for.

"Our victory will be no victory unless we can confirm it by getting the best part of the German people back for civilisation, instead of repeating our hideous blunder, after the last war, of driving them back into the arms of Prussia. For it was neither original sin nor the love of tyranny for its own sake that made the German feel that Prussia indispensable to him, but simply because he had come to feel that nothing but the iron of Prussian discipline, entering his soul, could save him from remaining, what he had been for centuries, the hopeless victim of his own incapacity to combine.



Proved Failure Of The Tyrant

"Now that he has had experience, in his own daily life, of a tyranny more crushing and more

less than that of any foreign occupation, is it too much to hope that the proved failure of this tyranny even to justify itself in its own terms of military success, will produce a revulsion of German sentiment which, if we know how to play up to it, will cause a mighty renaissance of German civilisation along with a renouncement of Prussianism, super-Prussianism, and all their works? . . .

The author is in no doubt, however, that the Prussian spirit must be crushed. He writes:—

"One thing is clear. Even if we should win the war, the peace will be hopelessly lost unless, by one means or another, it is possible to give Germany back her soul, and to woo or persuade her to forsake the bondage of her present tyranny for membership of, and communion with, the Commonwealth of free nations. For that no sacrifice will be too great, and no measure of forgiveness excessive.

"What will remain to be done with Prussia will present the hardest problem of all. To deny the possibility of her ultimate conversion would be to despair of human nature. And the really great Prussian qualities of devotion and self-sacrifice may be as powerful in the service of good as that of evil.

"But to change a spirit that has persisted and grown continuously for centuries is easier said than done. And until we have plain and practical proof of the Prussian being for, instead of against, civilisation, he must for his own good, and everyone else's safety, have his claws cut, and his jaws muzzled.



There Must Be No Totalitarian Regime

"No principle of sane freedom commands us to let a dangerous wild beast loose on the world. And to hand over the natives of tropical colonies against their wills, to the tender mercies of a Power wedded openly to the principles and practice of tyranny, would be to touch a lower depth of crime even than of lunacy. . . .

"There must be no sort of Totalitarian regime; no gestapo, Jewbaiting, or concentration camps; no militarisation of youth or gangs of storm troopers. The principles of freedom do not extend to allowing gangsters to organise their rackets in peace, or train up their children in crooks' colleges."

In his Epilogue Dr. Wingfield Stratford sums up the policy and ideals of his "Crusade for Civilisation."

"We peoples of the British Commonwealth," he writes, "at last know the strength as well as the evil, of this devilry that has come up against us, and I do not think there is any one who doubts of our own strength to meet it and, in due time, to save our souls alive, whatever happens to our bodies or our possessions.

"It has penetrated the very depths of our common consciousness that our defeat now will be the defeat of mankind, the death-sentence on life itself; and that defeat is therefore, and has got to be, unthinkable.

"Enough that we have only our own souls to rely on now, the Kingdom within us, a stronger and deeper certainty than that of our enemies. We are not going to fail."

This is an interesting book full of constructive suggestions and discriminating, thinking people will find in it much that will help them to face the problems of our time, says "Public Opinion."

AMERICANS FACE UP TO POSSIBILITY OF WAR IN THE PACIFIC

MAJORITY OF well-known American editors and Washington correspondents representing big papers, whether their political leanings be Democratic, Republican or Leftist, are of opinion that the possibility of the United States getting into war is greater in the Pacific than in the Atlantic.

A canvass of opinion among influential newspapermen by a Central News correspondent in a trans-continental tour suggests that an American-Japanese war is inevitable the moment Japan launches an attack on Singapore, the Philippines or the Netherlands East Indies.

SIGN OF AXIS ANXIETY

"The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events," the Ankara radio stated last night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans has conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly."

"It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded, even in Axis circles, as extremely dubious."

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."—Reuter.

WOMAN "DOCTOR" CHARGED

A 35-year-old Chinese woman, Wong Yuet-wan, describing herself as a doctor, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with unlawfully practicing medicine, or surgery, at room No. 11, Ho Tung Building, Queen's Road Central. She was also charged with unlawful possession of poisons.

It was stated that eight ampoules of Hypophysin and a bottle of liquid extract of Ergot, were found on the premises by Det. Sub-Inspector C. Goodwin yesterday.

Defendant was remanded for a week. Bail of \$500 was allowed.

RELIEF WORK AT LARISSA

The Larissa (Greece) earthquake victims are receiving valuable assistance from British and American sources.

Already 6,000 blankets have arrived from the American Relief and some 150 tons of preserved food and other material have been placed at the disposal of the victims by the British authorities. Senior officers of the R.A.M.C. have also arrived.—British Wire-less.

INDIAN REMANDED

A two-days' remand was granted by Major A. N. Macrae at Kowloon this morning when Jagat Singh, 30, was charged with stealing a pair of shoes and a woollen pullover, the property of two Indian constables, from Kowloon City Police Station yesterday.

The belief is quite universal that while the national defence programme of America cannot be put into high gear for six months later, the United States entertains no worry regarding Japan.

The United States, however, is somewhat concerned over the prospect that if America plunged into war in the Pacific, "all-out" aid to Britain would be adversely affected, despite President Roosevelt's assurances to the contrary.

In view of the fact that the re-organisation of the United States Pacific and Asiatic fleets has been completed, and air strength in Hawaii augmented, most leading American newspaper editors believe that America's preparations in the Pacific have exceeded the stage of empty threats.

Fullest Attention

The "Kansas City Star," one of the most influential papers in the zone where isolationist influences predominate, has repeatedly pointed out that America is now devoting the fullest attention to the Pacific situation, but says that the future depends largely upon Japanese policies.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" has unequivocally advocated for America a policy of calling a halt to Japan, while the "New York Times" urges a naval blockade of Japan from Alaska to Java in the event of war.

The editor of the "Chicago Daily News" is of the opinion that increased American assistance to China—now more universally regarded as a strong member of the anti-aggression Democratic front—has been one of the reasons for Japan's cautiousness.

Japan's mediation in the Thai-Indo-China dispute has evoked little serious criticism in the American Press, but public opinion will radically change if Japan turns further south in the direction of British Far Eastern possessions or the Netherlands East Indies.—Central News.

HAVEN'T WE HEARD THIS ONE BEFORE?

A WILHELMSTRASSE OFFICIAL STATED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY THAT "THE DESPATCH OF GERMAN TROOPS TO BULGARIA WAS OCCASIONED BY EVIDENCE IN GERMANY'S POSSESSION ABOUT BRITISH PLANS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE."

"The German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs."

"For such a task troops must be suitably equipped but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task."—Reuter.

ARRIVE IN INDIA MORE ITALIANS

A further 6,700 Italian prisoners of war have been landed in Bombay in the last two days. The total now in India exceeds 32,000.—Reuter.

MARCOVITCH JOURNEY DENIED

A report circulated abroad, to the effect that the Yugoslav Foreign Minister has gone to Germany, was denied in the Wilhelmstrasse, according to a statement issued by the German official news agency yesterday, says Reuter.

ALLEGED THREATS BY A.R.P. WARDEN

That an A.R.P. warden threatened to take out a summons against a civilian unless he paid "tea money" was the allegation made before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Wong Kam-chuen, 36, member of the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens, was charged with demanding money with menaces.

The case was fixed for hearing on Friday.

Detective-Sergeant Baldwin alleged that last Thursday, following the "black-out" exercises, defendant approached Au Sik, manager of the Chung Wah Band, and told him that the lights in his premises had not been properly screened during the exercises.

Defendant, it was alleged, threatened to take out a summons unless \$9 "tea money" was forthcoming.

Complainant arranged to pay the following day in a teahouse, but informed the police and a trap was set.

Accused was arrested in the teahouse by a Chinese detective.

Mr. F. H. Loseby will appear for defendant, who was allowed bail of \$250.

TICKET "CORNER" RACKET

UNDER THE NEW "PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT REGULATIONS," LAM KAU, 20, WAS CONVICTED BY MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR SELLING CINEMA TICKETS OUTSIDE THE NEW TAI YAT THEATRE LAST NIGHT.

Pleading guilty, accused was fined \$75, or one month's hard labour.

Sergeant J. F. Ferrier said that accused was arrested at 8 p.m. last night outside the Theatre with 18 front-stall tickets in his possession. The tickets were sold by the theatre at 10 cents each, but accused was selling them for 13 cents each.

Mr. W. A. Jones, Superintendent of Inland Revenue, asked the Magistrate to take a very serious view of the case in view of the fact that one or two murders had been traced to the racket of reselling tickets outside theatres.

BIG INCREASE IN U.S. NAVY

Legislation that would increase the U.S. Navy's enlisted personnel immediately to 232,000 and authorise the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence was introduced by Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee, yesterday.

The Bill would also authorise the President to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.—Reuter.

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Jews In Holland May Be Herded Off To Poland

LARGE NUMBERS of Dutch Jews are to be deported to Poland, according to a Stockholm correspondent yesterday. They will be confined in Jewish reservations established by the German authorities around Lublin, central Poland.

No confirmation of this drastic step has yet been obtained but a Netherlands Government official in London told Reuter yesterday that such a move would arouse no surprise in Dutch circles.

France's Growing Morale

The New York newspapers yesterday published eye-witness accounts by Americans returning from Europe of the growing resistance to the Nazis in France.

William Mock, a student, declared: "Agitation against the Germans and against Frenchmen cooperating with them, is growing."

"The French put up signs for de Gaulle, Pétain and Roosevelt, and the Nazis tear them down."

"Laval is well guarded at all times as he fears assassination."

"On December 5 there was a rumour that he had been killed, and the Nazis rounded up all Englishwomen in Paris and put them in concentration camps."

"Ninety per cent of French people believe England will win."

Reuter.

Dutch Jews, he said, had already been deprived by the Nazis of their Dutch passports and labeled simply as Jews.

The Nazis were also reported to be establishing a kind of ghetto in the Jewish quarter in Amsterdam, where Jews will be compelled to live.

Similar repressive measures against Jews have been reported in various parts of Holland.

Jews in Amsterdam are largely of Polish origin and being strictly orthodox, still wore long beards and black robes, which are only seen generally among Jews in Eastern Europe.

Another large section of Dutch Jews are of Portuguese origin, and altogether there are about 200,000 Jews in the Netherlands. Reuter.

133,295 PRISONERS

The British took more than 133,295 prisoners during the 62 days of the Libyan campaign.

This may be compared with the 130,476 Germans which the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War.

Guns captured from the Italians in Cyrenaica total well over 1,200. Reuter.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER DOCK PROTEST

THE CHUNG WAH BOOK Company murder case concluded this morning when Ho Sung-hei was found guilty of the murder of Woo Tong-chui, a fellow employee at No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar on December 5, after the jury had retired for 55 minutes.

Accused, after making a statement from the dock, was sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector L. R. Whant is prosecuting, while accused is defended by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall.

The jury is composed of Messrs. T. H. Lunson, D. Lyon, A. Black, E. F. Passos, V. S. Mamak, G. Gerard and A. W. Salter.

Summing up, His Lordship went over the facts of the case and pointed out that accused had said that he had gone out that evening and had gone with his brother-in-law that night, after going to the China Emporium Dancing Hall and a restaurant. He had explained the blood on his feet as caused through the breaking of a wine bottle during the evening.

This story, he told when he was first arrested, he had stuck to it and he had repeated it again. It appeared, however, that he had made no endeavour to prove this through any such witness as his brother-in-law or the waiters at the restaurant.

After the verdict, the Chief Justice said that everything that could have been said on accused's behalf

had been well said, and he felt that, on the evidence, this was the only possible verdict.

Accused's Pleas

Asked if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed, accused alleged that the Crown had concealed his witnesses. The Police had made no attempt to find his brother-in-law. His Lordship said he could not entertain a repetition of the defence.

Continuing, accused claimed that none of the witnesses had proved anything or even a motive. The only evidence was that certain property was his.

After his arrest, he had no opportunity of seeing Counsel and it was not until February that he was able to do so.

As regards the evidence of the singlet, he asked if it were possible for a man who committed the crime to use his own singlet to wrap up the keys.

He again asserted that the evidence was circumstantial and alleged that the Crown had made no attempt to find his witnesses.

CIVILIAN V.C. FOR R.N.V.R. OFFICER

The George Cross (the civilian Victoria Cross), for great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty, has been awarded to Temporary Lt. Harold Reginald Newgass, R.N.V.R., it was stated in the London "Gazette" last night. No details are given. —Reuter.

ALL BULGARIAN ASSETS FROZEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") President Roosevelt has signed the order freezing all Bulgarian assets in the United States.

Total Bulgarian assets in the United States are reported to be about U.S.\$100,000,000. United States assets in Bulgaria on the other hand are only about U.S.\$10,000,000. — International News Service.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:

Number of Directors. "95 The Directors of the Company shall not be less than six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb. 1941

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

STICKING TO YOUR GUNS

By The Four Aces

"After reading some of your recent articles," writes a Connecticut fan, "I've concluded that a great many players just use a difficult Bridge hand as an excuse to start an old-fashioned brawl. Here in Hartford we have many disagreements but no squabbles—at least among the players I know. Here's one of our difficulties that might have led to some trouble elsewhere—we're just curious to know the rights and wrongs of the matter:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ 10 3
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ K J 4

♠ K J 4 2
♥ 9 5 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ A Q 7

W E S
N A 7 5
♥ 8
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ 10 8 6 5 2

♠ 9 3
♥ A K Q J 7 6 2
♦ J 7
♣ 9 3

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 3♥ Pass
3NT Pass Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass

"South was set one trick at four hearts, since the opponents took two spades and the minor-suit Aces in a hurry. But, as North pointed out, three no-trump could not be defeated. Should South have gone to the comparative safety of four hearts or should he have taken a chance and passed three no-trump doubled?"

First, a reply to the comment about fights. We're sorry if our comments make it appear that Bridge fights are very common. We think most players have a very good time at the time and never venture any but good-natured criticism. And we've seen a lot of very loud games in which all the fierce invective was just part of the fun. As far as we can see there's no harm in either type of game—it's just a matter of personal taste.

As for the hand, we think South should have passed three no-trump doubled. His hand was good for seven tricks, and game would be made if North could contribute two more. If North had a wide-open suit, he would have "run" to four hearts after the double; his pass indicated that the no-trump contract was not just a wild stab.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 8
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Maler
1♠ Pass 1♣ (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. You have a fairly good five-card major suit with good distribution, although meagre high-card strength. There cannot be any point in suppressing your suit at this stage of the bidding.
Score 100% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 656

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken Jacoby You Maler
1♠ Pass 1♣ Pass
2NT Pass (1)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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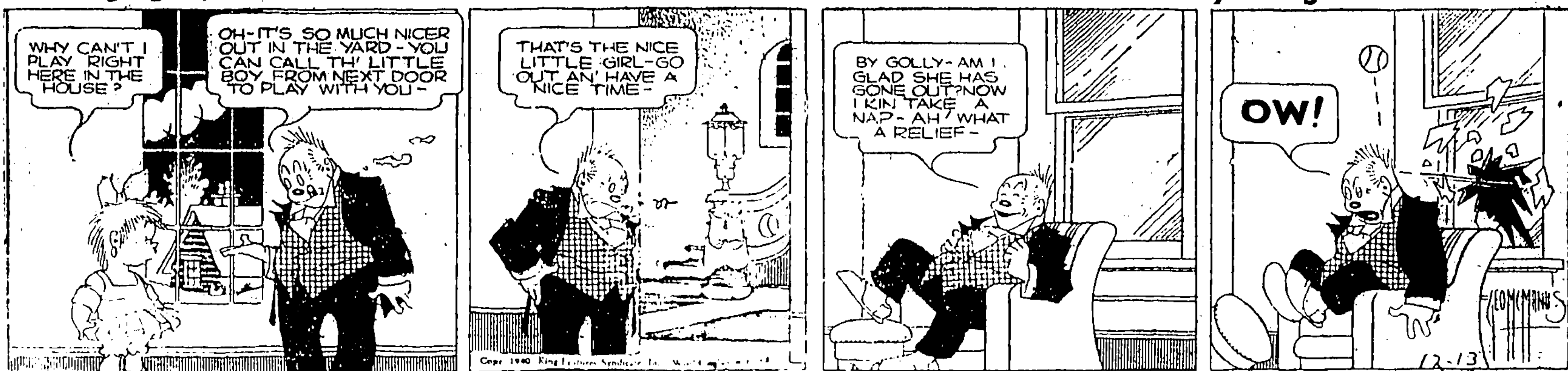
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Bringing Up Father.

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Clean The Face Properly

This admonition of cleaning one's face properly is not for those who live away from dust and grime in the air. It is for women who live in town where the air is laden with particles which the skin collects.

Most external skin blemishes come from thoughtlessness. You might THINK you clean your skin well, but actually you do not unless you take infinite pains.

To clean a city skin well it is actually necessary to use both a cleansing cream and soap and water daily, and a steaming and brush scrubbing followed by a masque, weekly. Now that sounds like a lot of trouble, but once a woman establishes a skin cleaning routine the effort becomes second nature to her.

Adopt This Programme

We begin at night, or at the end of the work day, with skin care. Then you should use a generous amount of cleansing cream on your face and all around your neck including upper shoulders for dirt settles there alarmingly. After working this well into your skin with finger tips, remove it with several face tissues or a soft cotton or linen towel. Personally I feel more grime comes off the skin if one uses a cotton or linen square and these may be boiled in sudsy water on laundry day.

The cream cleansing is followed by a washing with a FRESH face cloth and soap suds. I do not think it is a good idea to rub the soap on the face cloth and then on your face. Rather dip the saturated face cloth into the suds of the soap which you can easily whip up, and then be certain to rinse very well with warm water



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followed by splashing with cold water.

If you plan to go out in the evening after such a face cleansing, and you apply a powder base

and make-up, you must cream your face again before going to bed, and wash it with soap and water in the morning when you take your shower or tub.

But if you leave your skin squeaking-clean all evening and night you need only wash it well with warm water (no soap) in the morning, and splash it with cold water which is a splendid firming astringent.

Your Weekly Session

Once a week get into a hot tub with your face literally covered with cleansing cream or lubricating cream. Leave it on while you steam. Remove it with tissues or a towel after your bathing, and then scrub your skin with a soft complexion brush and bland soap suds—there is a lovely liquid soap which is excellent for this purpose.

Or you may steam your face after rubbing on olive or almond oil. Remove the oil and then scrub with the brush and soap.

After this scrubbing you may use a home-made masque for firming the contour and closing the too-large pores, or a prepared masque which agrees with your skin.

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According to Lucy Monroe the famed Star Spangled Soprano, a woman can keep beautiful through the simplest of beauty routines providing she is loyal to it. "It's the regularity of the effort that counts, and not the complexity of it," states this beauty who has earned the nickname of Star Spangled Soprano because she has sung it more often than any other star!

When she arises in the morning, Miss Monroe uses a generous amount of fluffy cleansing cream on her fresh looking complexion. She leaves this on while she breakfasts, reads her paper and bathes. A hot bath with cream on her face is an excellent means of keeping her skin soft, she finds, for the steaming opens the pores and allows the cream to soften and cleanse deeply.

This beauty is most partial to hot baths, filled to the brim and scented with bath oil. She adores all bath accessories — perfumed soaps, friction mitts, cologne and dusting powder. In these she indulges to the limit!

After her morning tubbing off comes the cleansing cream with tissue and wads of cotton saturated with a mild skin lotion. She uses no powder base or rouge for daytime but she does use two powders — a darker shade first and then a lighter one. The powder is applied to the skin thoroughly by pressing with clean cotton and then the excess is brushed off (a trick many women could adopt to advantage).

Miss Monroe does touch up her eyelashes and she prefers the

smallest most inexpensive size of mascara because it doesn't get a chance to "gum up" as the larger cakes do.

Night Care

Before retiring this beautiful songbird removes her make-up with cleansing cream and skin tonic. Once in a while she washes her face in soap and water. Then she pats on a skin lubricant to do night repairing. This takes not longer than five minutes but she makes it a rule never to neglect this simple routine.

Hands, and body too, are treated to an old-fashioned almond lotion to which Miss Monroe is so devoted that she cannot wash her hands without using it both winter and summer. "This simple habit keeps my hands nicely groomed and soft and when I get a body massage I request that this same lotion be used."

As Miss Monroe is kept very busy travelling filling her singing engagements, she admits there is little time for formal exercising; but she has a body massage whenever she can for she feels massage keeps muscles firm and skin soft. She walks too, about a mile a day or more, and the fresh air helps to keep her eyes as bright and clear as they are, and her cheeks pink!

Regarding hair care she states: "I brush my hair well every single day, wash it frequently sometimes twice a week. I have no special hairdresser — I just go to the handiest. But my hair has a wave of its own so it is not hard to manage!"

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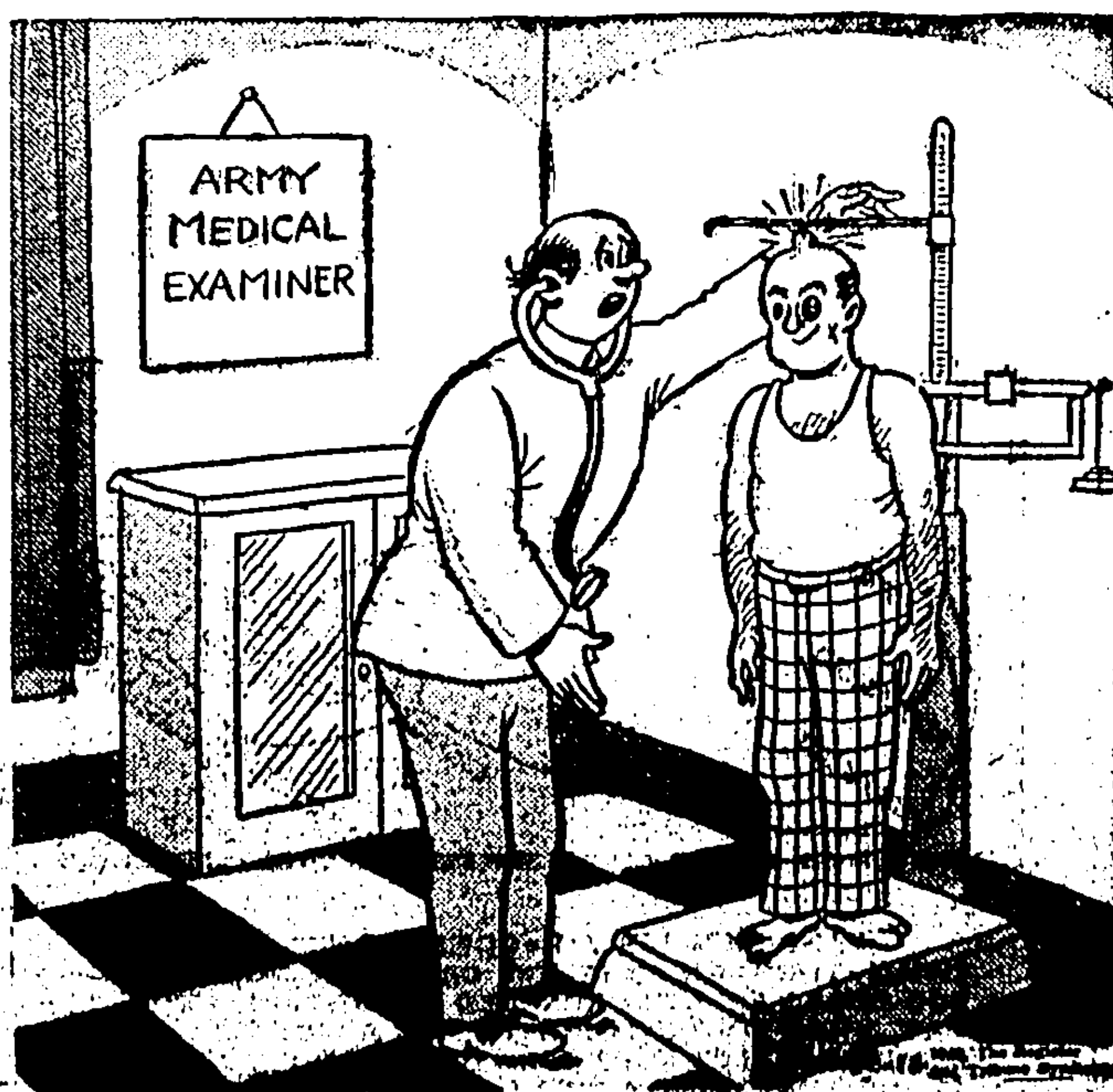
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HE LOST FAITH---AND---DIED

AN OFFICER in charge of a bomb disposal squad who had been praised for his work shot himself because he had an inferiority complex.

This is the letter left by Second-Lieutenant Leonard Arthur Jeffery Dyke, thirty-three, of the Royal Engineers:—

"If I should die, it was because I was ashamed of my weak and puny efforts beside those of my gallant comrades in the Army who, under most difficult and trying circumstances, performed miracles.

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The letter was read by Mr. T. B. Bishop, the deputy county coroner, at the inquest at Chatham.

The remainder of the letter, said the coroner, was devoted to expressions of love by Lieutenant Dyke for his wife and children.

The coroner returned a verdict of Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

An officer stated that Lieutenant Dyke was an officer of marked ability, and during his work in Scotland as a member of a bomb disposal squad had been specially recommended by the G.O.C. Scottish Command for a report he made on bomb disposal.

Lieutenant Dyke was wearing battle dress and had his revolver in his hand when he was found dead on a farm.

WOMAN WITH £18 STOLE PAIR OF STOCKINGS

Charged at East Ham Police Court with stealing a pair of stockings from a local store, Mrs. Maud Newsum, aged thirty-seven, of Havering Gardens, Chadwell Heath, was stated to have had £18 in her possession when arrested.

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A fine of \$25 was imposed by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning on Tam Shu, 36, steersman of junk No. 1329, for moving 93 bags of rice from Hong Kong to Hung Hom Bay on Monday without a permit from the Food Controller.

Mr. A. S. K. Lau, pleading guilty on behalf of accused, said that it was only a technical offence and his client had no intention of exporting the rice from the Colony or even to the New Territories.

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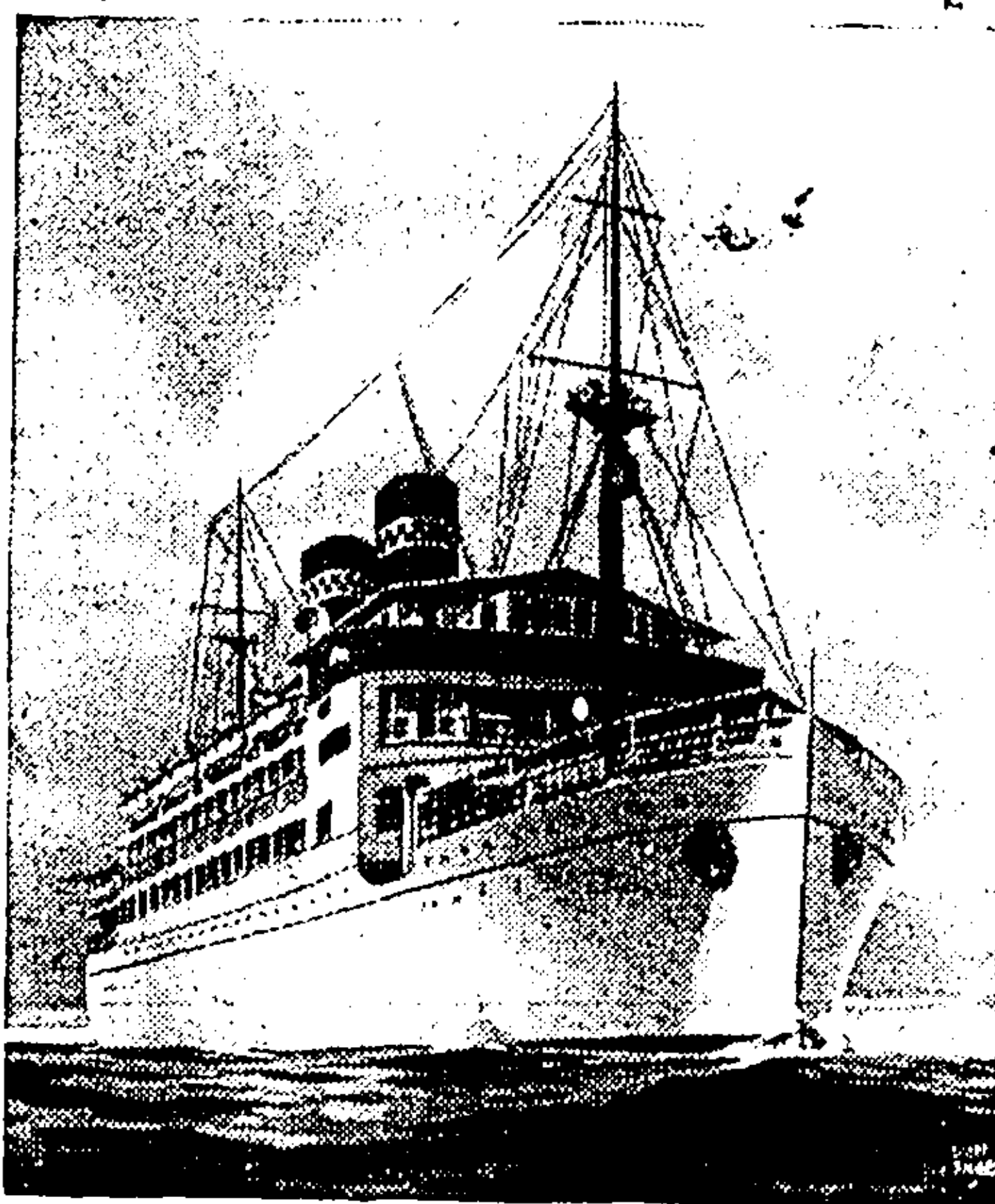
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ANNUAL RACE MEETING

COVETED RACING DOUBLE WON BY T. K. LI'S STABLE

Donald Black Heads Jockeys After Lean Start

ACCIDENTS MAR FIRST TWO DAYS' RACING

"By Rapier"

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING has come and gone, setting at rest, for another year, all speculations regarding the classic events. This year's meeting, however, was rather badly marred by inclement weather, and on two occasions it was deemed necessary to postpone racing on account of the sodden state of the track, which has suffered most severely.

Taking all things into consideration, it must be agreed that the Stewards acted very wisely in their decisions, as, on the first two days, the track was far too slippery, causing several accidents.

After winning the Austral Valley Stakes on A Happy Time, Mr. Holden had very bad luck in being kicked by a horse on the leg, whilst riding A Surprising Time before the start of the second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes. He came off his pony for a time, then remounted and finished the race very gamely, but had later to go to hospital for treatment.

This was Mr. Holden's first experience on the local track. He came from Shanghai with a fine reputation, and it was indeed a pity we were unable to see what he really could do.

Riding Jungle Princess, Mr. D. G. Woo came down heavily rounding the bend outside the stable. He was rendered unconscious, and the pony had to be destroyed. Mr. S. W. Tang was brought down when The Koala Bear slipped at practically the same spot, but the pony did not suffer any injury.

In the Wakool Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies, Commander Craven, riding Melody Star, fell when nearing the one and a half miles post, and Mr. Peter Wei was brought down on Fair Chance. Both jockeys suffered injuries, Commander Craven the more serious, with a fractured arm, Melody Star had to be destroyed, but Fair Chance was apparently unhurt.

THE JOCKEYS

Failing to score a single win on the first two days of racing, Mr. Don Black came through the meeting with flying colours, with eight wins to top the list of successful jockeys. His riding on a few occasions was really superb, particularly his win on Viceroy, which beat Far View practically on the post. I believe, however, that Mr. Black derived most satisfaction from his win on Confusion Bay in the Champion Stakes.

Needa and Moller came next with six wins each, followed by



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Noodt, Pih, Ip Kui-ying, the latter winning four times in nine outings.

Mr. R. M. Wood graduated from the Novice Class through his nicely judged win on Eve of Harvest.

He received hearty congratulations, which were well merited.

THE OWNERS

Mr. T. K. Li had the satisfaction of heading the list of Owners, with seven wins, five seconds and three thirds. He achieved the distinction of winning The Hong Kong Derby and the Champion Stakes, with Oolong and Confusion Bay, ridden by Needa and Black, respectively.

The Cere Stable, owned by the veteran Mr. Eric Moller, was next with six wins, five seconds and three thirds, followed by the Eve Stable, Li Lan-sang, and Needa, the last named being owner of United Express, which proved itself undisputed champion among the new Australian Subscription Griffins.

NEW CHINA PONIES

Due to postponement of the meeting from Saturday to Monday, owners of new China ponies had to revise their entries with the result that Oolong was sent out in the Maiden Stakes instead of the Trial Plate, and Marber's nomination, Charlesber, was kept back for the Derby.

After winning the Maiden Stakes, Oolong was strongly fancied to win the Derby and this expectation was fully justified. The Moller candidates, Velvetlight (Mr. Moller) and Lovelylight (Mr. Noodt) had to be content with second and third.

Charlesber failed miserably, and the pony, a strong and nice-looking animal, was evidently not sufficiently galloped in training. By the time The Rock was reached for the second time, it gradually faded out of the picture. At this stage, Oolong got in front, and Mr. Noodt made a determined attempt to secure the rails, but Mr. Needa was not to be easily caught. Coming into the straight, Oolong was running comfortably. Just when Lovelylight was falling back, Velvetlight came forward to challenge Oolong, but to no avail.

Mr. T. K. Li's pony won the Derby, and both owner and jockey received an ovation. Although it failed badly in the Hong Kong Derby, World Fair View (Mr. Pih) accounted for the Racing Stakes, and its win here was certainly most convincing. In the Hopeful Stakes, Oolong and Velvetlight gave spectators a thrilling finish. On this occasion, Oolong was ridden by Mr. Sokoloff, who timed his win nicely, just beating Velvetlight by a short head.

There was, however, a different tale to tell the next day, when these two ponies clashed again in the Tyro Stakes. This time, Oolong had another jockey in Mr. G. Pollock. Coming into the straight, Oolong was well in front, as it turned the bend faster than Velvetlight, but the latter responded most gamely to Mr. Moller's urge, and amidst great excitement, defeated Oolong by half a length.

Prior to the commencement of racing, Palber, belonging to the Marber Stable, was regarded as a potential challenger for the Derby, but it suffered a set-back in training.

It ran third in the Maiden

Stakes, and it was not until the fourth day that it scored a win, in the Grand Stand Stakes.

NEW AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS

There is no doubt whatever that, among the new Australian Griffins, Distant View, owned by Mr. Li Lan-sang, is outstanding. It won the Austral Derby without being seriously challenged.

On the first day, A Happy Time (Mr. Holden) won the Austral Valley Stakes (one mile), with Fleetwing (Mr. Poy) second and Colooma (Mr. Black) third. Distant View simply walked away with the Austral Maiden Stakes (six furlongs).

In the Austral Trial Plate a most unfortunate accident occurred. Nomine Poenae (ridden by Mr. Chao) took the lead from the very start, and so well was it running within a hundred yards from the end that it looked a sure winner. Unfortunately Mr. Chao got unseated and was thrown over the rails, with the result that First Love (Mr. Liang) was given an easy win.

The Austral Derby was run in a downpour of rain, and the jockeys had an unenviable time. Nothing much can be said regarding the race, as Distant View got in front and remained there to the end. Oracle (Mr. Needa) was second, and First Love (Mr. Liang) third.

Fleetwing (Mr. Poy) scored a fine win in the Austral Black Rock Stakes (From the 2 Mile Post). At one stage it looked as if the finish would see a good fight between Fleetwing, Starlight (Mr. Moller) and Mountain View (Mr. H. C. Pih), but the first named proved the strongest.

Distant View (Mr. Pih) scored its third consecutive win by carrying off the Chater Cup without being exerted. In the Austral Racing Stakes (1 1/4 miles) Mr. Black came into the picture with a grand win on Colooma, beating Oracle and Nomine Poenae, which were strongly supported. The race was actually won before the home stretch, when Mr. Black sent Colooma out in front, stealing a march on the others. Mr. Needa made a determined effort on Oracle, but his effort was of no avail.

March Warbler (Mr. Black) won the Austral Hopeful Stakes (1 1/4 miles), and ridden strongly by Mr. Moller, Starlight carried off the Austral Grand Stand Stakes. Heralded as an outstanding pony, Gloaming, belonging to Mr. Eu Tong-sen, failed badly over the first four days of racing, but it won the Yarra Stakes for non-winners most convincingly on the last day.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS

This was the outstanding event of the racing carnival, with this year's griffins fighting out the issue against the old subscription ponies.

After the easy manner in which Distant View (Mr. H. C. Pih) had won its three races, it was expected that it would give Sapper a real battle royal, but Sapper once again proved its undoubted superiority. Distant View adopted the tactics of running away at the start, and at one stage it was leading by several lengths.

Not appearing to be unduly worried, Mr. Davis kept Sapper behind, and he started to overhaul Distant View going up the incline. In the straight, Sapper experienced no difficulty in getting ahead, and once in front, the race was over.

OLD CHINA PONIES

Old China ponies opened the Annual Race Meeting's programme with a long distance event over 1 1/4 miles in which the Challenge Cup was involved. This was won last year by Chie's representative, Navylight, but expectations of this Cup going to Shanghai for good failed to materialise.

Mr. T. K. Li sent out O-Lan, ridden by Mr. Needa, and Confusion Bay with Mr. R. C. Pih up, the latter commanding the most support. The race itself was quite interesting, with Confusion Bay and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) making the running, while Mr.

Needa was content to keep O-Lan right behind.

Coming into the straight, O-Lan issued its challenge, and once in front there was nothing to stop it from winning by two lengths, whilst Eve of Harvest and Burford indulged in a spirited fight, the former just securing the verdict, for second position.

Navylight ran disappointingly in the Challenge Cup, but revealed its true form on the second day when it won the Foochow Cup (1 1/4 Miles), beating Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) and Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa).

A GRAND FINISH

This race provided a grand finish, with the result in doubt right up to the end. In my opinion, Navylight's win was due to a great extent to the determined manner in which Mr. Moller handled his mount.

Racylight (Mr. F. Noodt) and Dupont Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen) took the lead, with Eve of Harvest, Navylight, Confusion Bay following in the order named. A hundred yards from the winning post, it looked as if Eve of Harvest would win, but Navylight gradually crept forward, and over the last few strides managed to overhaul the Eve pony to win by a head.

Then came the Champions, which resulted in a complete reversal of form. O-Lan (Mr. Needa) was made firm favourite, but Confusion Bay also received strong support, probably because it was being ridden by Mr. Black, who has had past experience in handling this pony.

Racylight (Mr. Noodt) ran off with a commanding lead, but the others were not unduly worried, and after passing the Rock, it was reduced gradually.

On the other hand, Mr. Needa was content to keep O-Lan trailing in the rear, and its finish over the last quarter mile was indeed most disappointing.

In the meantime, Confusion Bay had asserted itself and after passing Racylight, its win was assured, with Navylight (Mr. Moller) taking second position. In its belated challenge O-Lan occupied third place.

Once again, Confusion Bay proved itself the best among the old China ponies, and on its Champions form, it will be hard to beat.

To Racylight, ridden by Mr. Noodt, fell the honour of the highest win dividend of the Meeting—\$171.20. This was in the Victoria Stakes, over one mile, when both Spiclight and Eve of Harvest carried most support. Racylight jumped into the lead from the very start, and it was never overhauled at any stage of the race.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS

In races confined to the new Australian subscription griffins, three upsets featured the first day. United Express (ridden by Mr. Ip Kui-ying) won the first section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes (six furlongs) in an effortless manner, but in the other two sections, Black Seal (Mr. Chao) and Vitamin M (Mr. Black) disappointed.

In the second division, Black Seal and A Surprising Time (Mr. Holden) had a grand fight, but when it appeared as if Black Seal was going to win, Amulet Star (Mr. Craven) came through with a great burst of speed snatching a grand win over the last length.

In the third section, Vitamin M (Noodt) and Bendemeer (Mr. Needa) were made favourites, but National Welfare (Mr. Tao) sprang a surprise on both. Happy Returns (Mr. Wei), very nearly caused an upset as it was only backed to the extent of 100 win tickets.

In the Australian Valley Stakes (1 1/4 miles) Manhattan won fairly easily, with Gus Gentium (Mr. Sokoloff) taking second place.

Moonlight (ridden by Mr. F. Noodt) and Bendemeer (Mr. Needa) won the Perth Plate (1/2 mile), first and second sections, respectively.

Repeating its grand win in the Sydney Maidens the previous day, United Express had an easy passage in the Governor's Cup (one mile).

Dutch Treat (Mr. Botelho) and Black Seal (Chao) provided spec-

tators with a thrilling finish for the Garrison Cup, a short head separating them at the end.

Black Seal was very strongly supported, and over the last few lengths it was actually leading, but somehow Mr. Botelho got a little bit of extra response from his mount, and it shot forward just in time.

On the first day, Santa-Anita failed, but later it gave a grand performance by winning the Lusitano Cup (1 1/4 miles), with S. C. Liang up, despite a bad start.

By the time the winning post was reached for the first time, Santa-Anita was several lengths behind, but the pony had no difficulty in catching up and once in the lead it was a sure winner, although King's Flight (Mr. Needa) challenged it towards the end.

King's Flight (Mr. Needa) came into the limelight by winning the Albury Stakes (1 1/4 miles), and ridden by Mr. Chao, Happy Returns inflicted a defeat on Santa-Anita in the Royal Navy Cup.

Mr. Liang on Santa-Anita found his passage blocked at a vital stage, but had he issued his challenge a little earlier, the result might have been different.

THE ROOTY HILL DERBY

Prior to the commencement of The Rooty-Hill Derby, on which the Big Dollar Sweep depended, the stands presented a most animated appearance, with all available space taxed to the utmost limit.

Interest was at fever height when the ponies were led out, and according to the trend of betting, it appeared as if the result was between United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), Endeavour (Mr. Moller) and Manhattan (Mr. Hearne). The last named ran convincingly over the first mile, but after that, it simply faded out of the picture.

On the rise of the barrier, Mr. Ip took United Express out in front, and this strategy on his part proved most successful. United Express continued on, and it was not until going up the incline for the second time that Endeavour tried to force the pace.

United Express refused to give way, and coming into the straight was still leading. Try as he did, Mr. Moller could not get any more response out of Endeavour, and United Express reached home a worthy winner.

In the Blue Mountains Plate (first section) over one mile, Endeavour fully justified the confidence which it received, but it had to run strongly in order to beat Mainsall (Mr. S. L. Yuen), with A Surprising Time (Mr. Black) taking third place.

Never-Never ridden by Mr. Black scored a meritorious win in the Warrego Plate (two miles). Coming into the straight for the second time, Mr. Liang, on Santa-Anita, thought he had the race won, but Never-Never came out of the blue, and once it assumed the lead, there was nothing Mr. Liang could do to avert defeat.

During the four days of racing, Mr. Sokoloff was placed several times on Australian ponies, and he secured a well merited win in the Blue Mountains Plate (second section), on the fourth day when he piloted Rex Fori home to beat Sydney Lady (Mr. Hearne).

United Express proved itself the best among this year's lot of new Australian Subscription Griffins, winning every race in which it ran.

Whilst receiving some challenge from Endeavour in the Rooty-Hill Derby, United Express met with practically no opposition in the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies Champions, both of which it won without being extended.

I believe United Express is the only pony capable of giving Sapper a good fight, and when they do clash it will be a race worth watching.

FANLING HUNT TO-DAY

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BY BEST BALL

Beginning golfers are often unable to determine precisely just what constitutes a proper back swing in golf. They may have some idea of how the club should be taken back but the precise functions of the arms and body and the co-ordination between the two is not clear. For example, in the illustration to the left the player is shown with the club half way up in the backstroke yet no apparent body turn has accompanied this arm movement. Consequently, the swing will not only be lacking in power but that forward movement of the clubhead close to the ground, which can only come when the body is moving forward with the stroke.

By having the player break his wrists while standing in his natural address position, until the club is nearly vertical to the ground, then turning his body to the right, one gains the proper position for this point in the backstroke. Hands, wrists and arms remain as they were and by breaking the wrists still more the club may be lifted over the right shoulder. The final position is similar to that used in playing a full shot. Naturally such a method is not suitable for actual play but merely serves to enlighten the golfer on backswing fundamentals.

Next Article: — Strokes of Green.

'MIKE' TURNER LOOKS UP OLD FRIENDS ON WAY TO S. AFRICA

An interesting visitor to the Colony at the moment is M. H. ("Mike") Turner who, some years ago, was one of the leading Rugby football players in the Colony.

Turner is on his way to South Africa where he will join Mrs. Turner and little baby Turner who passed through Hong Kong about three months ago. He will spend his leave in South Africa. Arriving in Hong Kong in 1930, Turner at once won recognition as a fly-half and from then until he went away on leave in 1935, he was in every Rugby football team that represented Hong Kong in Interport and other official matches. After his leave he was transferred, in 1936, to Shanghai and though he has represented the

Frankie "Bashful" Gonsales worked on the mound for the victors, and only walked one, whiffing none, being content to toss them over trusting to his fielders. Of the five safeties collected off him, Cyclone hindsnatcher Razack connected for the only Cyclone extra-base clout; when left-gardener Jindoo Hussain misjudged his holst to left.

"Kelly" Silva-Netto chucked for the losers and was nicked for six safeties, but walked none and fanned two. The Cyclone's lone tally was chalked up when Hussain heaved a wild one from left to allow Razack to score from second.

Setting down Cyclones in one-two-three order in the initial frame, the Collegians chalked up their first marker to break into the score column on a single and two bobbles.

In the next frame, Saints threatened again, when Hussain smacked hurler Silva-Netto's first offering for a stinging single to short-centre, but he was caught sneaking second.

Frankie Gonsales fanned the breeze for the next erasure, while Henry Ali fled out for no gain in score. For the next two stanzas, Cyclones were blanked, missing their chance when they had ducks in the pond, but short-stop Rumbun bunted into a double play with a pop fly. Two clusters of runs in the third and fourth, consolidated the Collegian lead, which was never in danger.

Cyclones Score

Cyclones broke the string of horse-collars which decorated their score column, when Razack crossed the pan on a miscue.

In the last three sessions, Cyclones were shut-out, as twirler Frankie Gonsales chucked no-hit ball.

The longest hit of the day was made by Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, who slashed a three-bagger to right, whilst Skelly Razack connected for the only other extra-base clout with a double.

Chinese Baseballers subdued Canadian Chinese by 8-2 behind Den Cray's three-hitter. Cray went the route for the Lumen fanning five, but passed seven Canucks to first; Geegee Lee, on the mound for the Maple Leafs, whiffed two and walked one. Extra base clouts were made by Cray and Mar, both of whom were good for doubles.

In the night-cap, Mohawks white-washed Filipinos 19-0 in a batting spree, in which every Waggoner connected for a hit, which included two-baggers by "Doc" Molthen, Pete Fitch, Johnnie Schaberg, Cy Jones and Hank Sperry.

The Islanders started well, holding the Waggonermen to a lone tally, but the Mohawks produced a spurge of six markers in the next frame on three blows, to take a flying start.

Another cluster of seven counters on five safeties in the sixth stanza put finish to the game.

Filipino hurler Amper was nicked for 11 safeties, passed one and fanned one, whilst Mohawk chucker Cy "Screwball" Jones tossed a three-hitter, whiffed three and issued free transportation to first to two Islanders.

Shanghai Rugby Football Club, he never won his Interport cap for the Northern port for the very simple reason that he always got crocked before these representative games!

Two years ago Turner gave up Rugby and took to Hockey and in 1939 and 1940 he captained the Shanghai teams that played against the Army and The Rest in official games.

Turner arrived here yesterday and will be leaving again tonight, but during his all-too-short stay here he has taken the opportunity of looking up his old friends in the Colony.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	10	2	.833
Hong Kong Baseballers	10	3	.769
Indians	10	3	.769
Recreio Aces	6	5	.545
Cyclones	7	6	.538
Chinese Baseballers	4	7	.363
Filipinos	2	10	.167
Canadian Chinese	0	12	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.900
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Hoyal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	12	1	.923
Wildcats	12	1	.923
Wahoos	9	4	.692
Cardinals	8	6	.571
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblerettes	4	10	.286
Chung Hwa	1	13	.071
Little Flowers	1	13	.071

INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	6	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco Oilers	4	2	.667
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cab's	0	4	.000
Greenopots	0	5	.000

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's "B" Division League Badminton programme and some teams:

V. R. C.	v. J. R. C.
King's	v. Recreio
K. C. C.	v. St. John's
Police	v. St. Andrew's

Following are the teams:

KING'S—S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui; K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo.

ST. JOHN'S—H. Eardley and D. Kwok; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson.

RECREIO—A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira; E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho; E. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha; K.C.C.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones; A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann.

V.R.C.—D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumbun; A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares; F. Castro and A. A. Remedios.

J.R.C.—J. Odell and M. Talan; A. R. Pollak and L. Landau; S. Ramler and B. Godkin.

The annual athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held on Saturday, March 15, on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, at 2 p.m.

LITTLE FLOWERS BEATEN DESPITE IMPROVED FORM

By "Grandstand"

RECREIO RAMBLERETTES completed their League fixtures by handing out a 21-9 defeat to Little Flowers in a six-inning fracas, and took things easy right from the start, scoring in every inning on a total of eight safeties, whilst the losers displayed one of their best performances to date featured by headier base-running. Gerry Jorge toed the rubber for the Recs. for five frames, fanning three and walking eight, after which third-sacker Lolly Rodrigues took over the pitching duties.

ARMY CROSS COUNTRY RUN

The Hong Kong Area Sports Board held its annual cross-country run yesterday, starting from the Polo ground, Boundary Street. For the first time separate races for Indian and European troops were held, resulting in a win for Hong Kong-Singapore Artillery, in the former and Middlesex in the latter.

Pte. Manson (Royal Scots) was first home in the race for European units, taking 37 mins. 27 secs. over the course. Cpl. Hobson and L/Cpl. Dunne, both of Middlesex, were second and third, respectively, Hobson's time being 37.31. Cpl. Truscott and Signin Lithauer, both of Signals, were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Middlesex won the team event, 12 runners of 15 reaching home in the following order: Cpl. Hobson (2), L/Cpl. Dunne (3), Pte. Coomner (6), Dmr. Merton (7), Pte. Hughes (8), Pte. Sturgess (10), Dmr. Onslow (13), P. S. M. Ure (15), Pte. Henderson (18), Pte. Macey (24), Pte. Baker (26), Pte. Robertson (27), totalling 161 points, the lowest ever recorded by a European unit and the first time a European line regiment has been awarded the senior trophy.

Royal Scots were second in the team event, and other units finishing in their respective order were Combined Small Units, Royal Engineers (European and Chinese Sappers), and Royal Ar-

Florinha chucker Lily Rozario went the route and issued one free pass to first. The lone twin killing was made by Campos to Silva to snuff Florinha Nydia Osmund and Inez Soares in the second.

The longest clout was made by Ding Lopes with a triple, chasing in one whilst Redbird Betty Fitzgerald, who was roped in to make up the Florinha team banged out a double, with ducks in the pond.

Canadian Chinese knotted up the League lead once more by blanking Chung Hwa 11-0. Mary Ng toiled on the slab for the Canuckettes and whiffed seven, whilst Chung Hwa moundsman Fungie Law fanned three.

Both hurlers walked three apiece. Both Canuckettes Rene Yuen and Mark Ng had perfect days with the stick, connecting safely every time in four and three batting chances respectively, but the former included two triples.

Two Good Puts

Rosie Louie and Dot Louie were also good for three-baggers, whilst Ulian Khoo connected for a two-bagger. Two double plays featured the Maple Leaf two-error fielding: when Ng and Ma erased Lily Cheung and Lily Siu, and Rosie Louie and Ulian Khoo accounted for D Chung and Irene Lee.

The other twin killing was made by Chung Hwa ballhawk, Nellie Lee and Irene Lee to retire Wong and Mavis Chang.

Mrs. McLeod, wife of Brigadier McLeod, presented the trophies and individual prizes.

SPECIAL HONOURS LIST FOR LIBYA'S CONQUERORS

G.C.B.s For General Wavell And Adm. Cunningham

50 JAPANESE WARSHIPS PASS SOUTH

Some 50 Japanese warships passed Hong Kong on Sunday proceeding south towards Hainan Island according to delayed reports.

Hitler's Mystery Message

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] That Germany is launching another diplomatic offensive, this time in Turkey, is indicated from Ankara with the news of Adolf Hitler's personal message to President Inonu.

Mystery surrounds the nature of the message which was carried to Turkey by special courier.

While the Berlin Foreign Office spokesman stated it was only a message of good-will, the mere fact that the letter was delivered by special courier suggests its importance, while some quarters in Turkey believe it to contain

Several New Knights Among Commanders

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD Wavell and Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham have been made Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, it was announced in the London "Gazette" last night.

Major-General Richard Nugent O'Connor became Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Murray Longmore becomes Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

All the honours are awarded "in recognition of the recent successful combined operations in the Middle East."

Admiral Cunningham was engaged in much of the work of preparation for the Middle East operations.

Air Commodore Raymond Colishaw becomes Commander of the Bath.

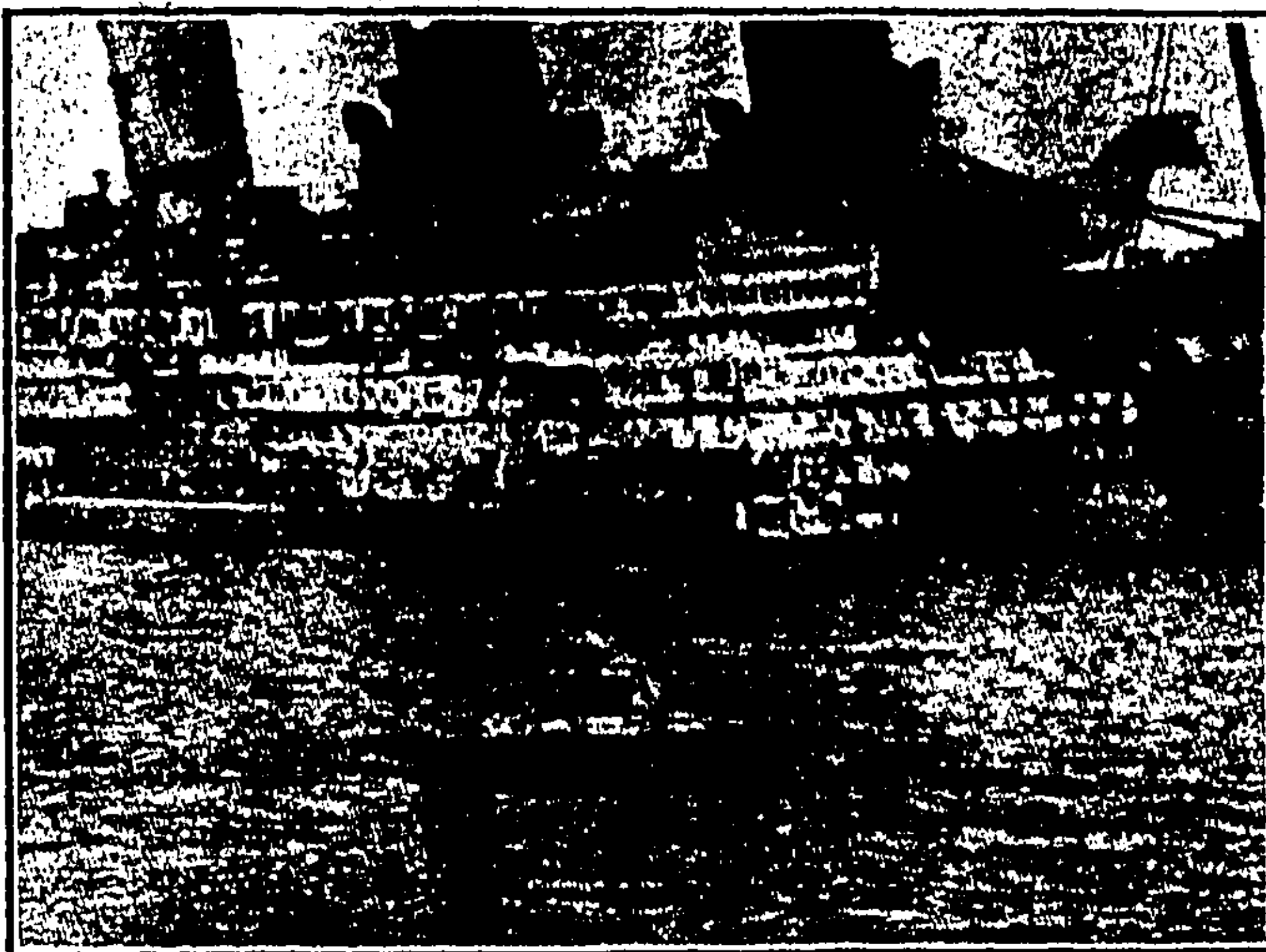
New Knights

Lt-Gen. Wilson becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Mil-

itary Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Knights Commander of the same Order are Major-Gen. Beresford-Pearse, Colonel (temporary Major-Gen.) O'Moore Creagh, and Major-Gen. I. G. Mackay, of the Australian Imperial Forces. — Reuter.

Another report received in New York states that the message concerns Turkey's position in regard to the latest German move and that Hitler assured President Inonu that Turkey has nothing to fear from Germany if she remains neutral. International News Service.



End Of An Empress: The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, burnt out on the high seas. (Daily Mail Photo).

STOP PRESS

RUPTURE OF ALL RELATIONS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE REPRESENTATIVES OF POLAND, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS IN SOFIA LAST NIGHT BROKE OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA, IN ANTICIPATION OF SIMILAR ACTION BY BRITAIN.

Diplomatic relations between Bulgaria and Britain came to a virtual end with British air bombardment of German troops in Bulgaria already threatened. — International News Service.

ACCIDENT IN LIFT

AS THE RESULT OF AN INJURY SUSTAINED WHEN HE FELL DOWN THE LIFT SHAFT IN ENTERTAINMENT BUILDING YESTERDAY, MR. L. J. RENUCH, OF TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILMS INC., WAS TAKEN TO THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS DETAINED FOR TREATMENT.

It is understood that Mr. Benuch was on his way from his office to attend Volunteer duties when the lift, due to a defect, stopped between the First and Mezzanine floors.

Mr. Benuch is stated to have attempted to climb out of the lift and slipped and fell, sustaining a sprained ankle.

Enquiries this morning elicited the information that Mr. Benuch was still in hospital.

U.S. PROTEST TO SOVIET

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS FORMALLY PROTESTED TO THE SOVIET AGAINST REPEATED PILLAGING AND DESTRUCTION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MOSCOW WHERE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY WORSHIP. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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Japanese political circles in Tokyo to-day pointed out that Japan's attitude to Australia manifestly concurs with the views expressed by Mr. Menzies, the Federal Premier, in his London speech, otherwise she could not have sent Mr. Kawai to Canberra as Minister.

They also recall the recent friendly exchange between Mr. Kawai and Canberra officials.

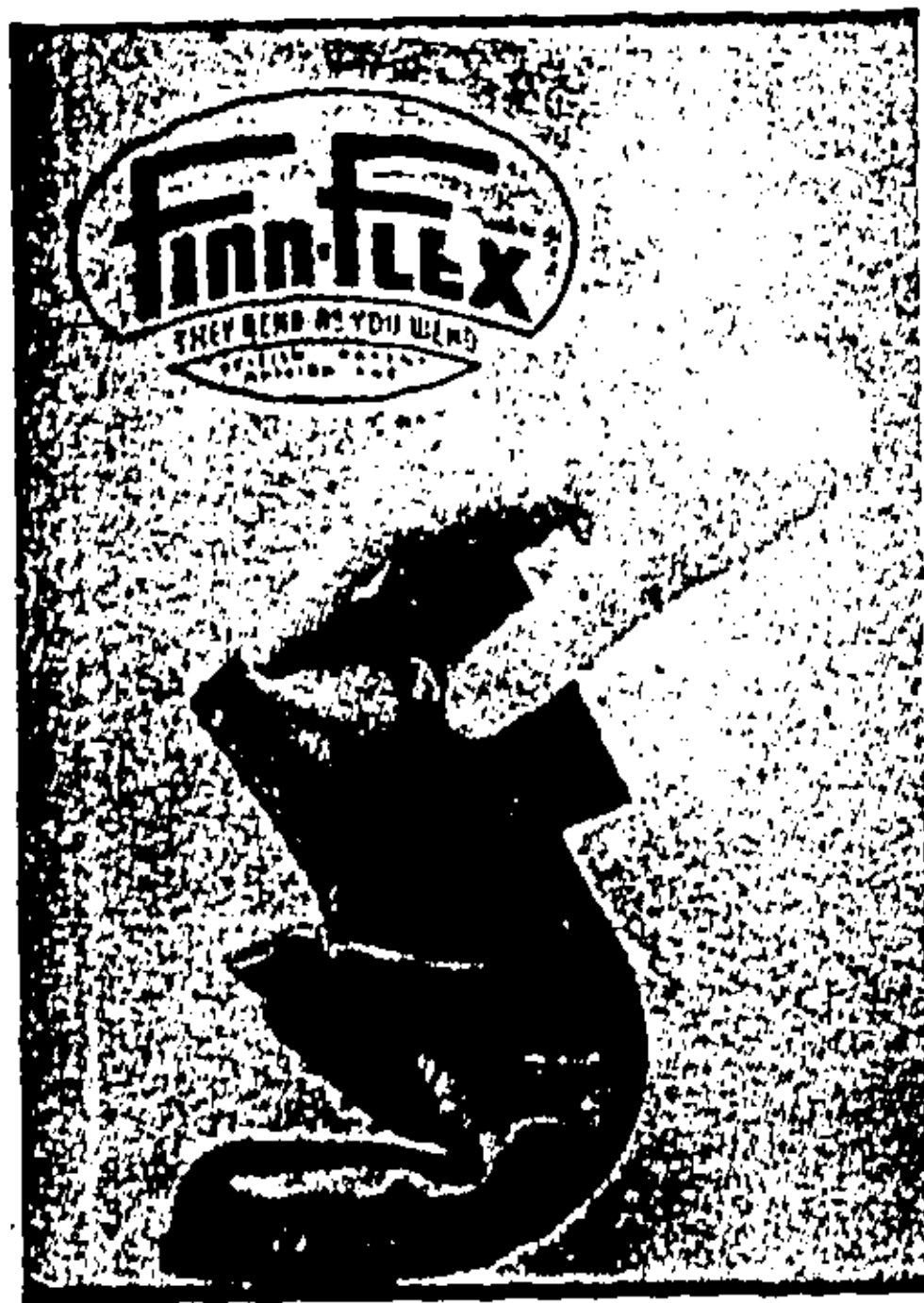
Government reaction at present is unavailable, being tied up with the Indo-China mediation climax.

The Tokyo press likewise played down Mr. Menzies' speech in favour of the mediation crisis and the Bulgarian occupation. — Reuter.

New contracts in cotton goods with overseas customers should temporarily be suspended pending revision of the system of preference directions in a few days' time, said the President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce after the Chamber's meeting yesterday. — Reuter.

Mr. "Jack" Lewrie, a well-known Hong Kong personality, passed away this morning in his flat in the P. and O. Building. He was 70 years of age and had been with Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company for over forty years.

It is understood that the funeral will take place tomorrow.



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